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can duce p^{ro}ve any unlawful coercion or compulsion done to them or an
ny of them for makinge of any such beate.

God save the kynge.

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N. England - Henry VIII

ANNO XXXII.
HENRICI OCTAVI

IN THE PARLYAMENTE BEGON
at Westm. the. xx viii. of Aprill, the. xxxii. years of
the reygne of the moste excellent, moste hyghe, and moste
myghty prince, HENRYE the eyght by the grace of
GOD, kynge of ENGLAND, & FRAVNCES
defendoure of the saythe, lord of Ireland, and in earth,
under CHRISTE supream head of the church of Englande, oure
moste redoubted souverayne lord, there holden and afterwarde continued
by dyvers prorogacions unto the. xii. daye of Aprill in the sayde yeare. In
the last session thereof begon the same. xii. daye of Aprill, and from the same
holden unto the. xi. daye of May, in the. xxxii. years of his maiesties
moste prosperous reygne, firs the which it was by prorogacion con-
tinued until the. xxv. of the same month of Maye, and holden
until the. xxiiii. daye of Iulye the sayde. xxxii.
yeare: At which daye the sayde parliament
was by his graces authority finished and
dissolved. Amonges many other the
actes folowing by his highnesse
with chace of the lordes spi-
ritual and temporal, and
the commons assembled
in the sayd parla-
ment, have bene
established,
ordy-
ned
and enacted.

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all maieste in all the tyms of hys moste gracious and noble reigne hath ever ben mercuriall keeping and benivolent and moste gracious soueraigne lord to all and singular his lovinge and obedient subiectes, & by many tymes hath both not onely shewed and imparted to the generall by his many and often great and beneficiall pardons heretofore by auctorities of his parliaments graunted, but also by divers other waies and meanes many great and ample grauntes and benignties in such wyse as al his said subiectes ben most bounden to the heretmoste of all theyr powers and graces by them receiued of god, to render and geue unto his maieste their most humble reuerence and obedient thankes and services, with their dayly and continual prayers to al myghty god for the continuall preservation of his moste ryall estate. In moste kyngly honour and prosperitie: yet all waies his maieste beyng replete and endowed by god with grace goodnes and liberalitee most tenderly considering that his sayde obedient and loving subiectes can not be or exercise them selues according to their estates degrees faculties and qualitties, or to beare them selues in such wyse as that they may conveniently hepe and mainteine theyr hospitalites and families nor the good educacions and bringinge up of theyr lawfull generations which in this realme laude be to god, as in all partes very great and abundant, but that in maner of necessity as by daily experience is manifested and knowen they shall not be able of theyr proper goodes cattails & other moveable substance to discharge ther debtes, and after their degrees set forth and abunmes their children and posterities wherfore our sayde soueraigne lord moste vertuously consideringe the mortalitee that is to every person at goddes wyll and pleasure mooste common and uncerteine of his moste blessed disposition and liberalitee being willinge to releue and helpe his said subiectes in their said necessities and being willinge to releue and helpe his said subiectes in their said necessities and desirous is contented and pleased that it be ordeined, enacted by auctorite of this present parliamente in maner and forme as hereafter foloweth that is to saye that all and every person and persons having or whiche hereafter shall have any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden in socage or of the nature of socage tenure, and not having any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kyng our soueraigne lord by knights service or by socage tenure in chief, or of the nature of socage tenure in chief nor of any other person as persons by knights service from the xx. day of July in the yere of our lord god, 39. b. C. and forty shall have full and free libertie power and aucto-

predecessour, but onely of the season or possession of his ancestor or predecessor which hath ben or now is or shall be sealed of the sayd manours landes tenementes rentes, annuities commons pensions portions, corrodies or other hereditamentes within the score yeres next before the teste of the same writte or next before the said prescription title or claime so hereafter to be sewed commensed brought made, or had.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, at no maner of person nor persons shall hereafter sue have or mainteyn any assise of mortuance Cosuage. The writte dentry upon distress done to any of his ancestors or predecessors or any other action possessory upon the possession of any of his ancestors or predecessors for any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes of any further season or possession of his or their ancestor or predecessor but onely of the season or possession of his or their ancestor or predecessor which was or hereafter shalbe sealed of the same manours lande tenementes or other hereditamentes within fifty yeres next before the teste of the original of the same writ hereafter to be brought.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that no persone nor persons shall hereafter sue have or mainteyn any action for any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes of or upon his or their owne season or possession therein above thirtie yeres next before the teste of the original of the same writ hereafter to be brought.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde that no persone nor persons shall hereafter make any audoite or cognisance, for any rent suite or service, and alledge anye season of any rent, suite or service in the same audoite or cognisance in the possession of his or their ancestors, or predecessors or predecessors, or in his owne possession, or in the possession of any other, whose estate he shal pretend or claime to have, above forty yeres next before the making of the sayd audoite or consilance.

¶ And over that be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that all sounedownes in reuerter, sounedownes in remainder, and seise facias upon fines of any manours, landes tenementes, or other hereditamentes at any time hereafter to be sued, shal be sued used and taken within fifty yeres next after the title and cause of action fallen, and at no time after the sayd fifty yeres passed,

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that if any persone or persons at any tyme hereafter do sue any of the sayd actions or writtes for any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, or make any audoite or consilance prescription title or claime of or for any rent suite service or other hereditamentes, and can not proue, that he or they, or hye or their ancestors or predecessors were in actual possession or seison of and in the same manours landes tenementes rentes suites, services annuities commons pensions portions corrodies, or other hereditamentes at any time or times within the yeres before limited and appoynted in this present

acte

¶ Be it further enacted by the authority abovesaid: that if any person or persons hold any manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments only of any other

lord or persone, than of the kyng our sayde soueraygne lord by knightes seruyce, & other landes and tenementes in socage, or of the nature of socage tenure, that than every such person shall or may giue, dispose, or assure, by his laste will or otherwile by any acte or actes lawfully executed in his life two partes of the sayd manours, landes, and tenementes holden by knightes seruyce, or of as much thereof as shall amount to the full yerely value of two partes, in maner and fourme as is aboue declared: And also all the landes and tenementes holden by socage, or of the nature of socage tenure, at his will and pleasure as is aboue wytten Saving and reseruing to the lord of the landes and tenementes holden by knightes seruyce, for his custodie and wardship, as much of the same landes and tenementes as shall extende or amount to the full and cleare yerely value of the thirde parte of the same landes and tenementes holden by knightes seruyce, without any diminucion, dowter, fraude, couen, charge, or subtraction of any porcion of that thirde parte, or of the cleare yerely value thereof in maner and fourme aforesayd.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite abovesayd, that if any person or persons holde any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes onely of the kyng our souerayne lord by knightes seruyce and not in chiefe or holde any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes of our sayde souerayne lord by knightes seruyce, and not in chiefe, and also hold other manours landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes of any other person or persons by knightes seruyce, and also holde other manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes of any other person or persons in socage, or of the nature of socage tenure, that than all and every such person and persons shall and may giue dispose, will, deuise, and assure, by his last will or otherwile, by any acte or actes lawfully done & executed in his lyfe two partes of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditaments, holden of our sayd souerayne lord the kyng by knightes seruyce, and two partes of the manours landes tenementes and hereditaments, holden of any other person or persons by knightes seruyce, or as much of eyther of theym as shall amount to the full yerely value of two partes in maner and fourme as is aboue declared: and also of al his landes and tenements so holden in socage, or of the nature of socage tenure, at his fre will and pleasure.

Saving & reseruing to the kynges byghnes, the custodie and wardship of as much of the same manours landes, tenements or other hereditaments, as shal extend and amount to the full and cleare yerely value of the thirde part of the sayd manours landes tenements, and hereditaments so holden of his byghnes by knightes seruyce, without any diminucion dowter, fraud couen, charge, and subtraction of any porcion of that thirde part, or of the full profites thereof. And also savinge and reseruing to the lordes of whom any of the sayd manours landes, tenementes or other hereditaments be holden by knightes seruyce for custodie & wardship, as much of the same manours landes, tenementes or hereditaments holden of them or any of the

by knightes service, as shal extend and amount to the full and clere pety-
ly value of the thyrde parte of the same, without anye diminucion, charge,
fraude conceit, or subtraction of any portion of that thyrde, or of the clere
petyly value of the thyrde parte thereof, in manner and forme above declared.

It is provided alway and it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that
if that thyrde parte of the manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes,
of any of the kinges subiectes, which in anye of the cases abovesayde shal
hereafter come to the kinges highnes, his heyres or successours by vertue
of this acte, as is abovesayd, be not as do not amount to the clere petyly
value of the thyrde parte of al the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, or other
hereditamentes wherof the kinges highnes is or shalbe intituled to have
the custody or primer seison, as is abovesayd: that then our sayde souer-
eygne lord and his heyres shal and may at his or theyr free libertye and
pleasure take into his or theyr handes and possession, as much of the other
two partes of the sayd manours landes tenementes and other hereditame-
tes, as with that of the same manours landes, tenementes or hereditamen-
tes holden remaining in the kinges handes shal make by the clere petyly
value of the full thyrde parte of the sayd manours landes & tenementes so
to be had to the kinges highnes in title of wardeshippe and primer seison,
or any of them, as the case shal requyre, and like benefyt and aduantage
to be geuen to every lord and lordes, of tohom any such manours landes
tenementes or hereditamentes ben or shalbe holden by knightes service as
is abovesayd, concerning onely his thyrde part of or for title of wardeshippe.

It is provided alway, and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd,
that every person and persons, shal for their liues, for possessions, re-
uercions or remainders, and also paye relesces and heriets after suche
manner and fourme, as they shoulde or oughte to have done before the ma-
king of this acte, and as if this acte had neuer bene made. And that fines
for alienacions shal be payd in the kinges chauncery for and upon wittes
of entre in the posse, to be obteyned in the same court of Chauncery, after
the sayd xx. days of Julye, for common recoveries to be had or suffered of
any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kyng
in chiefe: in like manner and fourme as is vsed upon alienacions of suche
manours landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, so holden in chiefe, by
fine or freement.

It is provided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that in such
cases, where fines for alienacions shalbe payd in the kynges Chauncery,
the wittes of entre in the posse, as is aforesayde, that then none other fine
shalbe payd in the same court for any such wittes: anye vsage or custome
to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that wherethoo
or more persons now hold, or hereafter shal holde any manours landes
tenementes or hereditamentes of the kyng our soueraygne lord by knight-
es service, jointly to theym and to the heyres of one of them, and be that
bath

hath the inheritance thereof, death his heirs beinge within age, that in every such case the king shall have the ward and marriage of the body of such heirs so beinge within age; the lfe of the feoholder or feoholders of the sayd manours landes tenementes; or hereditamentes, so holden by knightes service notwithstanding, saving and reserving to al and every woman and women al and every such right title interest of dower, as they or any of them owe to have, or be or shall be lawfully entitled to have claim or demand of any manors landes tenementes or hereditamentes by the lawes of this realme to be taken or assigned unto them or any of them out of the two partes of the sayd manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes severed and heaved from the third parte as is above sayd, and not otherwyse. And saving also to the king our soueraygne lord, his heirs and successours the reversiones of all suche remaines in jointure and dower, immediately after the death of such tenants, if they shall happen to die during the minority of the kinges wardes.

An acte for limitation of prescription.

Whereas as the time of limitation appointed for shewing of writtes of right, and other writtes of possession a season of mens ancestors or predecessors, or of their owne possesio or season, by the lawes and statutes of this realme heretofore made, limited and appointed, extende and be of so farre and long time past, that it is above the remembrance of any living man, trewly to seye and knowe the perfect certaintie of such thynges, as hath or shall come in trespall, or done extend unto the time and tynes limited by the sayd lawes and statutes, to the great daunger of mens conscience, that have or shal be impanelled in any Jurye for the trespall of the same; and also it is a great occasion of much trouble, vexation and suites to the kinges loving subiectes, at the common lawes of this realme, so that no man although he and his ancestors and those whose estate he or they have, have ben in peaceable possession of a long season of and in landes tenementes and other hereditamentes is or can be in any surety, quietnes or rest, of and in the same without a good remedy and reformation be had made and provided for the same. Be it therefore enacted by the king our soueraine lord, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by the authority of the same, that no manner of person or persons shall from henceforth sue have or maintain any writ of rightes or make any prescription, title or claim to or for any manors landes tenementes rences annuities commons pensions portions cottages or other hereditamentes of the possession of his or their ancestor or predecessor: and declare and allege any further season or possession of his or their ancestor or predecessor

either to give dispose sell and devise as well by his laste will and testament in writing or otherwise by any act or actes lawfully executed in his life at his said manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes or any of them at his fre will and pleasure any lawe statute or other thing heretofore had made or used to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And that all and every person and persons having manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kyng our souveraine lord his heires or successours in socage, or of the nature of socage tenure in chief, and having any other manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of any other person or persons in socage, or of the nature of socage tenure and not having any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kyng our souveraigne lord by knightes service nor of any other lord or person by lythe service, from the xx day of Julie in the sayde yere of our lord god. m. lxx. and fowre shall have full and free libertie power and auctorite to give, sell, dispose and devise as well by his laste will or testament in writing or otherwise by any act or actes lawfully executed in his life, at his said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes or any of them at his fre will and pleasure any lawe statutes custom or other thing heretofore had made or used to the contrary notwithstanding. Having alway and reserving to the kyng our souveraigne lord his heires and successours al his right title and interest of primer seison and reliefs, and also all other rights and due tytes for tenures in socage or of the nature of socage tenure in chief, as heretofore hath bene used and accustomed the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes to be taken had and sued out of and from the handes of his highnes his heires and successours by the person or persons to whom any such manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes shall be disposed, sold or devised in such and like maner and forme as hath ben used by any heire or heires before the making of this statute. And saving and reserving also fines for alienacions of such manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kyng our souveraine lord in socage, or of the nature of socage tenure in chief wherof ther shal be any alteration of freehold or inheritance, made by will or other wise as is aforesaid.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that al and singular person and persons having any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes of estate of inheritance, holden of the kynges highnes in chief by knightes service or of the nature of knightes service in chief from the sayd twentieth day of Julie shall have full power and auctorite, by his last will by writing or otherwise by any act or actes lawfully executed in his life to give, dispose, sell or assigne two partes of the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes in three parties to be divided or elles as muche of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes as shall extende or amounte to the petye valewe of two partes of the same in three partes to be divided in certaynte and by special

act and in manner and forme as is aforesaid if the same be transferred or
 Vented by the partie plaintiffe demandant or assignant, or by the partie te-
 nant or defendant that than and after such tryall therein had all and eue-
 ry such person and persons and their heires shall from henceforth be
 utterly barred for euer of all and euey the sayd writtes actions and writtes
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 and for the same manours, landes tenementes hereditamentes, or other the
 premises, or any parte of the same for the whiche the same action, writte,
 auowry, conuincance prescription, title, or claime hereafter shall be at any
 time had leued or made.

It is provided alway and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid that all
 and euey person and persons, whiche now haue any of the said actions
 writtes and writtes, or conuincance prescription title or claime depen-
 dyng or that hereafter shall it to commence make or buyng any of the laide
 writtes or actions, or make any of the said auowries cognuicances prescrip-
 tion titles or claime, at any time before the feast of the assencion of our lord
 god whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god a thousand, five hundred
 forty and six, shal alledege the reason of his or their auncestours or prede-
 cessours, or his own possession and sencion and also haue all other like ad-
 uantage to all intentes and purposes in the same writtes actions auow-
 ries conuincances prescriptions titles and claime, as he or they might haue
 had at any time before the making of this statute this acte or any thyng
 therein continens to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is provided also and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that
 if any person or persons be yuge now within the age of. xxi. yeres, or
 couerte baron or in prison or out of this realme of Englande, now ha-
 vyng chauce to haue the comynce make or buyng any of the sayd writtes
 actions or to make any auowries cognuicances prescription titles or clai-
 mes that it shall be lawfull to such person and persons being within age
 couerte baron, in prison or out of this realme to the comynce or buyng any
 of the said writtes or actions or make any of the sayd auowries cognuican-
 ces prescriptions titles or claimes at any time within six yeres next after
 such person or persons now being within age shall accomplish the age
 of. xxi. yeres, or within six yeres next after such person or persons now be-
 ing couerte baron shall be sole or within six yeres next after such person
 or persons now being in prison, shall be at this libertie, or within six yeres
 next after such person or persons now being out of this realme, shall come
 and be within this realme, And that euey such person and persons in their
 sayd actions writtes and writtes conuincances prescription titles or claimes to
 be made sued or commenced within the said six yeres shall allege within
 the said six yeres the reason of his or their auncestours or predecessours or
 of his own possession, or of the possession of those whose estate he shal than
 claime. And also within the same six yeres shall haue all and euey
 like advantages to all intentes and purposes in the same as he or they
 might

myght haue had before the makinge of this acte. and as though this acte had neuer bene had ne made: This acte of ampe thing therein contayned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also that if it happen the sayd person or persons no to beinge wythin age or covert baron, in prison or out of this realme, havinge cause to sue, commence make or beinge any the sayd wittnes, actions, answeres, cognisance, prescription, title, or claime, to detraile wythin age, or beinge covert, as is aforesayd, or during the time he or they shall be in prison, or out of this realme, or to detraile wythin .vi. yerres next after such personne or persons shall accompysh the his or theyr full age, or shalbe at large wythin this realme, or shal become sole, and no determination or iudgemente had of such titles actions, tithes, so to them accorde: that then the next heires or heyres of such person or persons being in prison or out of this realme, or wythin age, or being covert baron so being, shal haue and enjoy all and eury such libertie and advantage, to sue demaunde, answere, declare or make the sayd titles, claymes, prescriptions, wythin fyve yerres next after the death of such person or persons, howe imprisoned or being out of this realme, or wythin age, or covert be baron, in such or lyke manner and fowen to all intents and purposes, as the same infant after his full age, or the sayd woman covert after the death of her husbande, or the same personne being out of this realme, after his repaile or comminge into the same, or the sayd person imprisoned after his enlargement and comynge oute of prison, should or might haue had wythin .vi. yerres then next ensuynge by force and vertue of the prouision last before recited, any thing in this acte contayned to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also, that if any person or persons, before the sayd death of the assencion of our lord god, which shalbe in the sayd yeres of our lord God a Thousand fyue hundredeth foyrte and fyve, commence and sue anye of the sayd actions or wittnes, or make any answere, prescription, title or claime, and the same action wittne, answere, cognisance, prescription, title or claime happen by the death of anye the parties to the same, so be abated before iudgement or determination thereof had, that then the sayd person or persons being demaundantes or answantes, or making anye suche cognisance, prescription, title, or claime, being then on lyue, and if not, than the next heire or heyres of such person or persons so detrailed, may commence and pursue his or theyr action and suite and make his or theyr answere to instance, prescription title or claime for or upon the same matter within one yere next after such action or suite abated, and shall haue and enjoye all and eury such libertie and advantage, to sue demaunde and declare or make the sayd titles, claymes & prescriptions, within the sayd one yere as the demandant or demaundantes in such wittnes or suite abated, as such as doo make or make cognisance title or claime or prescription should or might haue done had, used, made, or enjoyed in the said former action or suite, any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is provided furthermore, that if any fault heretofore happen hereafter to be given or made in any of the sayd actions, suites, and suites, prescriptions, titles or claimes, that than the party grieved by reason of the same, shall and may have his attaint upon every such deed so given or made, and the plaintife in the same attaint upon iudgement for him given, shall have his recovery, execution, and other advantage in like maner & fourme as here before hath ben used and accustomed, any thing before in this act conteyned to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

An acte for the continuacion of certayn actes. Cap. iii.

WHERE IN THE last parliament begonne and holden at London the third day of November, in the. xxi. year of the kynges moste gracious regne, and from thens adiourned to Wesh. and there holden and continued by sundry prorogacions, It was enacted amonges other thinges that al forrein pleas, triable by the countrey, which shuld be pleaded by any person or persons, arraigned upon any inditement for any pety treason, murder, or felony, shuld be tried before the same Justices, afore whom such person should be arraigned, and by the same iurors of the county, that shal trye the pety treason murder or felony, without any further respite or delay. And that no person or persons arraigned for any pety treason murder or felony, shuld be admitted to any peremptory challenge, above the number of. x. which act was made to endure to the end of the next parliament, as by the sayd acte amonges divers causes and provisions contained in the same more plainly is expressed. And wher also in the same parliament it was enacted, that no person or persons, whiche shuld happen to be found guilty after the lawes of this realme for any maner of pety treason or for any wilfull murder of malice prepensed or for robbing of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbing of any person or persons in their dwelling houses or dwelling place the owner or dweller in the said house his wife, his children or seruantes than beyng within and put in feare and daunde by the same, or for robbing of any person or persons in or nere aboute the hygh wayes or for wilfull burnyng of any dwelling houses or barnes wherin any coine or grayne shall happen to be nor that any person or persons beyng found guilty of any abettment procurement helping maintenyng or counsailling of or to any such pety treason murders or felonies, shuld be admitted to the benefite of their clergy, such as be within holy orders that is to say, of the orders of subdiacon or above all only except with many other clauses and provisions contained in the said act as by the same act more plainly apereyth which act was also made to continue and endure to the last day of the next parliament. And wher also in the same parliament it was further enacted that every such person and persones, whiche shuld happen to be indicted of any pety treason wilful burnyng of houses, murder

murder, robbery, or burglary, or other felony, according to the tenour and meaning of the said statute next above recited, and thereupon arraigned, did stand mute of malice or for want of words, or challenge peremptory against the number of twelve persons, or did not answer directly to the same indictment and soleyn, whereupon they shall be arraigned, that then every such person and persons shall lose the benefit and privilege of their clergy. And it was also ordained by the same act, that if any person or persons be indicted and found guilty for breaking of any goods or cartels, in any county of this realm, or beynge indicted stand mute of malice, or challenge peremptory against the number of twelve persons, or will not answer directly to the lawe, should also lose the benefit of their clergy, in the manner & forme as they should have done, if they had ben indicted, arraigned, and found guilty in the same county, where the same robbery or burglary was done, if it shal appere to the Justices by evidence or examination, that the said felons or robbers arraigned agaynst them, should or ought to have lost their clergy by force of the said statute, in case they had ben found guilty of the same felonies or burglaries, in the same shire where they were committed, as by the said act amonges other thinges more at large is expressed. And where also in the said parliament it was further ordeined that the detestable vice of buggery, committed with mankind or beast, should be felony, and that the offenders therein should lose the privilege of their clergy, whiche acte was made to endure to the last day of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges it appereth more at large. And where also in the parliament begonne and holden at westm. the xxviii. day of June, in the xxi. yere of the reigne of our sayd most high, most charyteous lord kynge Henry the eighth, & there continued and kept until the dissolution thereof. It was ordeined and enacted, that all and singular the sayd severall actes aboute remembred, and every of them, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be observed and kept until the last day of the next parliament. And it was also ordeined by the auctorite of the same parliament, that such as be within holpe others, should from thence forth, stande and be under the same paynes and daungers for the offences conteyned in any of the sayde statutes, and be used and ordered to all intents and purposes, as other persons not beynge within holpe others, any provision or exception specified in any of the sayde actes, or any other blage or custome of this realm to the contrary thereof notwithstanding as by the same actes among other thinges therein contained more plainly appereth. And forasmuche as all and singular the sayd severall actes aboute mentioned be good and benefycial for the common wealthe of this realm. Be it therefore enacted and ordained by the auctorite of this present parliament, that all and singular the sayd severall actes and every of them, and all clauses, articles, and provisions in them and every of them conteyned, shal continue and endure in their force and strength, and be observed and kept for ever.

And be it also enacted by our right honorable fathers the commons of this realm ought or may have their cleriges and frienges; how shall be admitted to the same, shall be licent in the hand like manner and form as lay clerkes ben accustomed in such cases, and shall suffer and receive the same al such paynes damages and satisfactions, as he entered a writ for their offences of felony in all entres, surreptis and contrivances; all lay persons admitted to their cleriges, ben ought to be ordered and bled by the lawes and statutes of this realm, any statutes, charters, provisions, privileges, customs, or any other thing to the contrary therof heretofore bled notwithstanding.

An acte for the tryall of treasons, &c. in Wales, &c.

Of the trebe tryal and punishment of such persons, as have committed and done, or hereafter shall commit and perpetrate, any manner of treasons or misprisions of treasons within the principality and Dominion of Wales, and marches of the same, or eis wher within any the lordes Dominions, where his graces originall writtes in his Chancery of England commonly remeth not: Be it enacted by authority of this present parliament that all such treasons and misprisions of treasons, as is aforesayd, shall be presented and tried by the othes of twelve men inhabytinge or wherch shall inhabite within any such shires, and before such commissioners as the lordes make from tyme to tyme in such cases shall assigne and appoynt by his commission or commissions of Oys and Determiner in like manner and forme, as if suche treasons or misprisions of treasons had bene done and committed within such the sayd shires into for wherch the sayd commissions of Oys and Determiner shall be directed, as is aforesayde: And that all presentments, trials, processes, judgments, executions, and satisfactions hereafter made, had, or done by vertue of suche commissions, shall be good and effectual in the lawe to all purposes and intents, any graunt, custom, or blage heretofore made or bled to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that trialles of piers of the realm concerning treasons shall be done and had as heretofore hath bene used and accustomed, any thing in this act conteyned notwithstanding.

An acte for contravention of debtes upon executions.



Where as before this time divers and sundry persons have used executions as wel upon judgments for their gruen of their debtes or damages, as by such statutes made by statutes of the staple, recognizances, as have ben to them before made, recognized and knowledged, & thereupon such landes, tenements, and other hereditaments as were liable to the

to the same executiō, have ben by reasonable extent to them delivered in execution for the satisfaction of the sayd Debtes and Damages, accordyng to the lawes of this realm: & notwithstanding it hath bene oftentimes sene, that suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes so delivered and had in execution, have ben recovered or lawfully dewestred taken away or evicted, from the possession of the sayde recoverers, obligees, or recognisers, thei executors or assignes before such time as they have ben fully satisfied and payde of the sayd Debtes and Damages, without any manner fraude, deceit, coun, collusion, or other defaulte in the sayde recoverers, obligees, or recognisers, thei executors, and assignes, by reason whereof the sayde recoverers, obligees, and recognisers have bene thereby so clearly without remedye by any manner suite of the law to recover or come by any such parte or parcell of their sayde Debtes and Damages, as was behinde, and not by them lealed or receyved before such time as the sayde landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes to be them had in execution, were recovered, lawfully dewestred, taken or evicted out of and from thei possessions as is aforesaid to thei great hurt and losse, and muche trespasyng to the agaynst equall iustice, and good conscience. For reformation whereof, be it enacted by auctorite of this present parlyamente, that if hereafter anye suche landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, as be or shall be had and delivered to any person or persons in execution as is aforesaid, upon any iust and lawful title, matter, condicion, or cause, wherewithall the sayd landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, were liable, tyed, and bound at such time as they were delivered and taken into execution, shall happen to be recovered, lawfully dewestred, taken or evicted, out of, and fro the possession of any such person and persons as now have or hold or hereafter shal have or hold the same in executiō as is aforesaid, without any fraud, deceit, coun, collusion or other default of the sayd tenant, or tenants by execution before such time as the said tenants by execution, thei executors or assignes shal have fully & wholly lealed or receyved the said whol det & damages, for the which the said landes, tenementes & other hereditamentes were delivered & take in execution, as is aforesaid, the every such recoverer, obligee, & recogniser, shal and may have and pursue a writ of *Scire facias* out of the same court from whence the sayd former writ of execution did procede agaynst such person or persons, as the sayd writte of execution was first pursued, thei heyres, executors, or assignes, of suche landes, tenementes or hereditamentes as were or ben then liable or charged to the said execution, returnable into the same courte at a certayne daye, being full forty dayes after the date of the same writ. At which day if the defendants being lawfully warned, make defaulte, or appeare and do not shew and plead a sufficient matter or cause, other than the acceptaunce of the sayd landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes by the sayd former writ of execution, to barre, answere or discharge the sayd sute for the residue of the sayd Debt, and Damages, remaining due and unpaid by the sayd former execution: then the

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to the uncelour, or other such Justice or Justices, before whom such writte officers shalbe returnable, shal make officoes a newe writte or writtes out of the sayd former recorde of subgient, statute marchant, statute staple, or recognisance, of lyke nature and effect, as the sayd former writte of execution was for the leuynge of the redewe of all such debt and damage as then shal appeare to be vnlensyd, vnsatisfyd or vnpaid of the whole summe, or summes in the sayd former writte of execution coneyned Any lawe, custome, or other thing, to the contrary herof heretofore vbi in any wise notwithstanding.

An acte for repall of felonges byn conueying of
horses into Scotland. Cap. vi.



Here at a parliament holden at Westm. the xv day of January, in the xxii. yere of the reygne of our most dread soueraine lord the kyng that now is, amonges other thinges it was enacted by auctorite of the same parliament, that if any person or persons, after the feast of saint George the martir the next ensuing, did sell exchange, or deliuer within the realme of Scotland or in any place or ground, called the batable ground, betwene England & Scotland, to those of any scottishmen, any horse, geldyng, or mare, without licence obteyned of the kinges highnes by his letters patentes vnder his great seal so to do, or sell, exchange or deliuer to any scottish man within this realme of England, Wales, the towne of Barwyke or the marches of the same, or in any of the said batable ground, to them to be couerid into Scotland, any horse, geldyng, or mare, without speciall licence obteyned of the kinges highnes by his letters patentes vnder his great seal so to do: that thā the same sale exchange, or deliury, of such horse, geldyng, or mare, contrary to the same perfect acte, shuld be iudged a demed by þ law felony, as wel the sellers exchangers, or deliurers, as also in lion or theym, to whom the same sale, exchange, or deliury shalbe made. And that it shal be lesul to the warden and wardens of the east, west, and middel marches for the time beinge, in their warden courtes, as also the kinges Justices of his peace, in the quarter sessions, in euery shyre of the realme, to enquire, heare, and determine all and euery such felonies, after like maner as is vbi in other felonies at the common lawe, whether the same sales, exchanges or deliuries be made had, as done by any person or personnes contrary to the same acte in the realme of Scotlande, or in anye partie of the sayde batable groundes, or within the realme of Englande. And for that that the sayd statute is doubtfull, whether the warden or wardens of the sayde marches haue auctorite by the wordes coneyned in the sayd acte, to here and determine the sale exchange, or deliurye of anye horse, geldyng, or mare in Englande or Scotland to the vse of any scottish man as felony Therefore it is now enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and by the commons of this presents parliament,

ment assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that it shalbe lawfull to the warden and wardens of the east, west, and middle marches, for the time being, and every of them, in their warden courtes, to here & determine all and every such felonious act or actes, done and committed within their limites by any person or persones, in like maner as they do & have used to here and determine marche treasons, whether the same exchanges or deliveries be made, had, or done by any persn or persons contrary to the said statute of the realme of Scotland, or in any parte of the barable groundes

An acte for the true payment of tithes and offerings. Cap. xii.



Here divers and many persons inhabiting in sundry countiees and places of this realme, and other the kynges dominions, not regardyng thei duties to almighty god, and to the king our soueraigne lord, but in few yeres past more contempuously and commonly, presuming to offende and in-
terpryng the good and holson lawes of this realme, and gra-
cious comaundements of our sayd soueraigne lord, tha in tynes past hath
ben sene or knowen, have not letted to subtracte and withdrawe the lawfull
and accustomed tithes of cornes, hay, pasturages, and other sort of tythes
and oblations commonly due to the owners proprietaries, and possibours
of the personages, vicarages, and other ecclesiastical places, of and within
the sayd realme and dominions, beinge the more encouraged thereto for
that that divers of the kynges subiectes beinge lay persons, hauinge perso-
nages, vicarages, & tithes to them and to their heyres, or to them & to their
heyres of thei bodys lawfully begotten, or for terme of life or yeares, can
not by the order and course of the ecclesiasticali lawes of this realme, setue
in any ecclesiasticali court for the wrongful withholding and deteynyng
of the sayd tithes or other duties, nor can not by the order of the common
lawes of this realme have any due remedy agaynst any person or persons
thei heyres or assignes, that wrongfully deteyneth or withholdeth the
same, by occasion whereof, much controuersye, sute, varyaunce, and dys-
corde is lyke to insuege and ensewe amonge the kynges subiectes, to the
great detrimment, damage, and decay of many of theim, if conuenient and
spedy remedy therfore be not had and prouided.

Wherfore it is ordeyned and enacted by our sayd soueraygne lorde the
kyng, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the com-
mons in this present parliament assembled and by auctorite of the same
that all and singular persones of this his sayd realme, or other his domi-
nions, of what estate, degree, or condition soeuer be or they be, shall fully
truly & effectually deuide set out, yelde, or paye, all and singular tithes, offe-
rings aforesayd, according to the lawfull customes and blages of the pari-
shes, & places, where such tithes or duties shal growe, arise, come, or be due.
And in case that shal happen any person or persons of his or their ungod-
ly and pruerse wil and minde, to deteigne or withholden any of the sayde

tythes or offeringes, or parte or parcell thereof, than the parson or partye being ecclesiasticall or laye person, hauinge cause to demaunde or haue the sayd tythes or offeringes, being therby wronged or greued shall and maye conuent the person or persons so offending, before the ordinarie, his commissarye or other competent minister, or iustice of the place where such wronge shall be done, accordinge to the ecclesiasticall lawes. And in euery such case of matter or suite, the same ordinarie commissarye or other competent minister or iustice, hauinge the parties or their lawfull procuratours before him or them, shall and maye by vertue of this acte procede to the examination, hearynge and determination of entyre such cause or matter ordinarie or summarie, accordinge to the course and proces of the sayd ecclesiasticall lawes, and thereupon maye geue sentence accordingly. And in case that any of the parties, for anye cause or matter concernynge that suite, do appeale from the sentence order, and diffinitive iudgement of the sayd ordinarie or other competent Judge, as is aforesayde: than the same iudge by vertue of this acte, forthwith, upon suche appellacion made, shall adiudge to the other partye the reasonable costes of his suite therein before expended, and shall compell the same partye appellant to satisfie and pay the same costes so adiudged by compulsion of proccesse, and censures of the sayd lawes ecclesiasticall taking suertie of the other partye to whom suche costes shalbe adiudged and payde, to restore the same costes to the partye appellant, if after the principall cause of that suite or appeale shalbe adiudged agaynst the same partye, to whom the sayde costes shall be payde: And so euery ordinarie or other competent iudge ecclesiasticall, by vertue of this acte shall adiudge costes to the other partye upon euery appeale to be made in any suite or cause of subtraction or detention of any tythes or offeringes: or in any othe suite to be made for or concerning the dutie of such tythes or offeringes.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that if any person or persons after such sentence diffinitive geuen agaynst them, obstinately and wilfully refuse for to pay their tythes or duties, or such summes of money so adiudged, wherein they be condemned for the same, that than two Justices of the peace of the same shyre, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue auctorite by this acte, vppon informacion, certificant, or Complaynt to them made in wrytyng by the sayd ecclesiasticall iudge that gaue the same sentence, to cause the same party so refusing, to be attached, and committed to the next gaile, and there to remaine without bail or mainpryse, tyll he or they shall haue found sufficient sureties to be bound by recognizance or otherwise before the same Justices, to the vse of our soueraygne lord the kyng, to persourne the sayd diffinitive sentence and iudgement.

¶ Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde that no person or persons shalbe sued, or otherwise compelled, to p[er]fide, geue or pay

any maner of tythes, for any inuents landes tenementes or hereditamentes, whiche by lawes or statutes of this realme are discharged, or not chargeable with the payment of any such tythes.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by authority aforesayde, that this acte nor anything therein conteyned, shal in any wise binde thynhabitantes of the cytie of London and suburbs of the same, for to paie their tythes and offerings within the same cytie and suburbs otherwise then they ought or shoulde haue done before the makinge of this acte: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted, by authority aforesayde, that in all cases, where any personne or personnes, whiche now we haue, or which hereafter shall haue any estate of inheritance freholde terme tyght or interest, of in or to any personage, byrathage, porcepon, pencepon, tythes, oblations, or other ecclesiasticall or spirituall profyte: which now we see, or which hereafter shall be made temporall, or admitted to be abyde and goe to or in temporall handes and laye vles and profytes by the lawe or statutes of this realme, shall hereafter fortune to be dysseised deforced wronged, or other wise kepte or putted their lawfull inheritance estate seison possession occupacions terme right or interest of in or to the same, or of in to any parcell ther of by any other personne or personnes, clampinge or pretendinge to haue interest or tytle in or to the same: that then in all and euery suche case or cases the personne or personnes so dysseised, deforced or wrongefully kepte or putted from his or their tyght or possession, as is aforesayd reuerbered, their heppes wyues and suche other, to whom such injury wronge shall be done or committed, shal and maye haue their remedie in the kinges temporal curtes or other temporall curtes, as the case shall require, for the recovery gettinge or oportunityng of suche inheritance estate freholde seison possession terme tyght or interest, by writtes originall of Prec, que reddat, Bill of nouell disseison, moordant. Quod ei deforciat, writtes of dower or other writtes originall, as the case shal require, to be deuised and graunted in the kings court of chancery, of euery such personage, vicarage parson penzion or other profyte called ecclesiasticall or spirituall, so to be demanded according to the nature and cause of the suyt therof, in like maner and forme as they shoulde, ought, or might haue had, of or for landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes in such maner to be demanded. And that writtes of coueniant & other writtes for fines to be leuped and all other assurances to be had made or comeyd of any such personage vicarage, parson penzion or other profyte called ecclesiasticall or spirituall, as is aforesayd, shalbe hereafter deuised & graunted in the sayd chancery, according as hath bene used for fines to be leuped, & assurance to be had made or comeyd of landes tenementes or other hereditamentes. And that al iudgements to be geue by any of the sayd writtes originall so to be deuised or graunted of or for anye the premysed or any of them: and all fines to be leuped and knowlaged in any of the kinges sayd courttes thereof shal be of like force and effect in the lawe, to all

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intent and purposes, as iudgements geuen and fines leuyed of landes tenementes, and hereditamentes in the same courtes vpon wryttes original therfore due ly pursued and prosecuted, albeit no suche forme of wryttes original out of the sayd courte of Chauncery haue heretofore proceeded or bene awarded.

Provyded alwayes, that this laste acte shall not extende nor be expounded, to geue any remedye cause of action or sute in the courtes temporall agaynst any personne or personnes, which shall refuse or denye to set oute his or theyr tithes, or whych shall deteyne, withholde, or refuse, to paye his tythes and offerynges, or any parcell thereof, but that in all such cases the personne or partye being ecclesiasticall or laye personne, hauinge cause to demaunde or to haue the sayde tythes or offerynges, in euery suche case in the spirituall courtes, accordyng to the ordinaunce in the first parte of this acte mencioned, and not otherwys: Any thyng herein expessed to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

An Acte agaynst sellers and byers of fesautes and partryges. **Cap. viii.**

For the increase of fesautes and partryches within this realme, and for the good pastyme of the kynges maiesty, and his nobles and gentill men in the same: Be it enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament that no personne or personnes after the firste day of September next commyng, shall sell or bye any fesaunt or partryche vpon payne that euery seller and byer shall lose and forsaite for euery fesaunt solde and boughte contrary to this acte. vi. s. viii. d. And for euery partryche solde and boughte contrary to this acte. iii. s. liii. d. The moortie of whiche forsaiture to be to the kynges highnes, and the other moortie therof to such as will sue for the same by original wrytte, byll, playnte, or informacion. In whych none esoyne, protection, nor wager of lawe shall be allowed or admitted.

Provyded alwayes, that euery personne and personnes maye sell fesautes and partryches to the officers and ministers of the honourable householde of the kynges, the Quenes, the Princes and of all the kynges chyldren: and that the same officers and ministers of suche householdes, and euery of them, may lawfully bye fesautes and partryches to be spent in anye of the sayde householdes, as they mought before the making of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

This acte to endure till the last day of the next parlyament.

An acte against maintenance, embayce, &c. and against vniu'sall
 bying of titles. Cap. 5.

The kyng our souerayne lord callinge to his most blessed remembrance, that ther is nothing within this realme that conserueth his lounge subiectes in more quietnes, rest, peace, and good concord, than the dewe and iuste ministracion of his lawes, and the iust and indifferente triall of suche titles and issues as ben to be tryed, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, which his most roiall maiestie perceyue to be greatly hindered and letted by maintenance, embayce, champerty, subornacion of witneses, suiter labour, bying of titles, & pretended rightes of persons not beinge in possession, toherbyon great perjury hath enslied, and muche inquietnes, oppression, detraction, trouble, wronges, and dysenheritaunce hath folowed amonge his most lounge subiectes, to the great displeasure of almighty God, the discontentacion of his maiesty, and to the great hinderaunce and let of Iustyce wpythin this his realme. For the auoydinge of all whiche discomenours and bying of tyties and pretended rightes, and to chintente that Iustice may be more fullie and indifferente ministred, and the true causes of contention plainly tryed betwene his subiectes of this realme: Be it enacted by our said souerayne lord, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament asssembled, and by auctorite of the same, that from henceforthe all statutes heretofore made, concerning maintenance, champerty and embayce, or any of them now standing and being in their full strength and force, shalbe put in dewe execution, accordyng to the tenures and effectes of the same statutes.

And ouer that be it further enacted, by the auctorite aforesayd that no personne nor persons of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer he or they be, shall from henceforthe, bargayne, bye or sell, or by any wayes or meanes obtayne, get, or haue any pretended rightes or tyties, or take promise, graunt, or couenaunt to haue any right or title of any person, or persons, in or to any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, but if such person or persones, whiche shall so bargayne, sell, geue, graunte, couenaunte, or promise the same, they or antecessours or they by whome he or they claime the same haue bene in possession of the same, or of the reuer'sion or remainder therof, or taken the rentes or profits therof by the space of one whole yere next before the sayd bargayne, couenaunte, ge. uante, or promise made, vpon paine that he that shall make any such bargayne, sale, promise, couenaunt, or graunt, to forsaie the whole value of the landes, tenementes or hereditamentes so bargayned, sold, promysed, couenaunted or graunted, contrary to the forme of this acte: And the hyer or saler thereof, knowyng the same, to forsaie also the value of the sayde landes, tenementes or hereditamentes so by him bought, or taken, as is aboue sayd. The one halfe of the sayd forsaitures to be to the kyng our souerayne lord, and the other halfe to the partye that will serue for the same in any of the
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And furthermore, that no maner of person or persons, of what estate, degree or condicion so euer he or they be, do hereafter vniawofully mainteine or cause, or procure any vniawofull maintenance in any action, demaund, suite or complainte in any of the Kinges courttes of the Chawncery, the Exchequer Chamber, whyte halle, or els where, wpythin any of the Kinges dominions of Englande or Wales, or the marches of the same, where anye person or persons haue or hereafter shall haue iurisdiction by vertue of the Kinges commission, patent, or writ, to hold plea of landes, or to examine here, or determine any tytle of landes, or any matter or wittnesse concerninge the title right, or interest, of any landes tenementes, or hereditaments. And also that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer he or they be, do hereafter vniawofully retaine for maintenance of any suit or plea, any person or persons, or embrace any freeholders or iurours, or suborne anye wittnes by letters, rewarde, promises, or by any other sinister laboure or meanes to: to mainteine any matter or cause, or to the disturbance or hindrance of iustice, or to the procurement or occasion of any maner of perjury by false verdyte, or other wise, in any maner of courttes aforesaid, upon pain of forfaiture of euery suche offence. x. li. Those moyses thereof hithe the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the other moyses to him that will sue for the same by action of debt, bill, plainte or informacion, in anye the Kinges courttes, in which action no risme protectio, waget of law nor inuencion shal be allowed.

¶ And for the due execution of this presente acte, bee it further enacted by authority abovesayde, that the Justices of assise of every circuite both in this realme, and els where within the kinges dominions, shal in every county within their circutes two tymes in the yeare, that is to say, at the tyme of their sittings, for the takinge of assises by deliverry of the Gaules, cause open proclamation to be made, aswof of this presente acte, and of every thing therein contained, as also of all other statutes heretofore made, against unlawfull maintenance, champerty, rimbacrye, or unlawfull retentions, to the intent that no manner of person or persons, heaving the same, should be ignorant or unknowing of the dangers and penalties therein conteyned and declared.

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kynges courtes of recoorde by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information. In which action, byl, playnte, or informacion no essoin, protection, wager of lawe nor inuencion shalbe allowed.

And furthermore, that no maner of person or persons, of what estate, degree or condicion so euer he or they be, do hereafter vnlawfully mainteine or cause, or procure any vnlawful maintenaunce in any actio, demaund, suit or complaynte in any of the kynges courtes of the Chauncerye, the Sterre chamber, whytehalle, or els where, wythin any of the kynges dominions of Englande or Wales, or the marches of the same, where anye person or persons haue or hereafter shall haue auctorite by vertue of the kynges commission, patent, or writ, to hold plea of landes, or to examine, here, or determine any tyle of landes, or any matter or witness concerninge the title right, or interest, of any landes tenementes, or hereditaments. And also that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer he or they be, do hereafter vnlawfully retein for maintenance of any suit or plea, any person or persons, or embrace any freeholders or iurours, or suborne anye witness by letters, rewarde, promises, or by any other sinister labour or meanes for to mainteine any matter or cause, or to the disturbance or hindrance of iustice, or to the procurement or occasion of any maner of perjury by false verdyte, or other wise, in any maner of courtes aforesaid, vpon pain of forfayture of euery suche offence. x. li. Thome moxter thereof vnto the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the other moxter to him that will sue for the same by action of debt, bill, plainte or informacion, in anye the kynges courtes, in which action no essoin, protection, wager of lawe nor inuencion shalbe allowed.

¶ Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull to any person or persons being in lawfull possession by taking of the reuerly serme, rentes, or profits of or for any manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to bre, obtene, get, or haue by anye reasonable way or meanes the presented right or title of any other person or persons, hereafter to be made, to or of in such manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, wherof he or they shal also be in lawfull possession: any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And for the due execution of this presente acte, bee it further enacted by auctorite abovesayde, that the Justices of assise of euery circuite with in this realme, and els where within the kynges dominions, shal in euery county within theyr circutes two tymes in the yere, that is to say, in the tyme of theyr sittings, for the takinge of assises or deliuerie of the Gaolers, cause open proclamation to be made, as wel of this present acte, and of euery thing therein contayned, as also of all other statutes heretofore made, against vnlawfull maintenaunce champerty, embracery, or vnlawful retentions, to the intent that no maner of person or persons, hearyng the same, should be ignorant or mistognant of the dangers and penalties therein conteyned and specified.

Enacted alway, and be enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this
acte shal not extend to charge any person or persons with any of the pe-
nalties mentioned in the sayd acte, for any offence by him or her com-
mitted contrary to the sayd acte, except the same person or persons shal be
found guilty thereof by the action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in any
of the henges courts within one yeare next after the same offence by him
or them committed as is aforesaid.

An acte for the moderation of the punishment of hereticks and persons of
ill fame and women offending therein.



Where in the sixth session of this present parliament, the
kinge and holden at Westminster, the twentieth day
April in the one and thirthe yere of the kynges most
noble raigne, and there continued unto the xxviij day of
June then next followinge, in certayne ordinances ther
made for abolishing of diversity of opinions in matters ar-
ticles concerninge christen religion, amongst other things it was and is
enacted, that if any man, woman then was or had bene priest, at any tyme
from or after the xiiij day of July then next ensuing, do carnallye bese
or bese any woman, to whom he then was, or had bene married, or to whom
he had contracted matrimony, or openly be conversant, kepe companye,
and familiaritee with any such woman, to the cruel example of other per-
sonnes everie suche carnall bese, copulation, open conversation, keepinge
of companye and familiaritee, he and should be deemed and adjudged felo-
ny, as well agaynst the man as the woman, and that every such personne
so offendinge, should be enquired of, tryed, punished, suffer, lose and forfeit
all and every thing and thinges, as other felons made and declared by the
sayd acte, and as in case of felonye. And where in the sayde acte, it is and
further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if any man whiche then
was or had bene priest, or after that should be, at any tyme after the xiiij
day of July did carnallye bese or accuse anye woman, or kepe her as
his concubine, as by paynting for her house, maintaininge her by money,
arrage, or any other gytes or meanes, to the cruel example of other
personnes, that the every such offender beinge therof duly convicted or attor-
ned by the lawes mentioned in the sayde acte, should be forfayte and lose all
his goodes and catalles, benefices, and prebendes, and other spirituall
promotions and dignities, and also should have and suffer imprisonment
of his bodye at the kynges will and pleasure, and that every of the
sayd benefices, prebendes, and other spirituall promotions and dignities,
should be to all ententes and purposes utterly void, and the said offender
had resigned and permutated. And if any such offender or offenders at any
tyme after the sayd conviction or attaynder, eschewe bydromyng, for, or
perpetrate the sayd offences, or anye of them next before rehearsed, and be
therof duly convicted or attainted by the lawes mentioned in the sayd acte
that

that then all and every such offence and offenders it could be deemed and ad-
judged felony, and the offender or offenders therein should suffer pains of
death, and lose and forfeite all his and their goodes, landes, and tenemen-
tes, as in cases of felony, without having any benefite of clergy, or salu-
tary: And that those women, both to whom all and singular the foresayde
punishes should in any of the foresayde wayes have to do with, as carnally
knowe, as is aforesayde, should have like punishments as the priores, as
by the sayde acte amonges other thinges it manifestly appeareth. Our
sayd soveraigne lord the kyng graciously consideringe that albeit that the
incontinent living of priores (from whom all good example of vertus
and good living most specially should procede, to the good instruction and
edifyinge of other christen people) is highly to the displeasure of almighty
god, and great occasion of increase of lyke sinfull livinge to all other the
kynges subiectes, yet the sayd punishment therefore provided by paynes
of death is very sore, and to much extreame: wherefore the kynges mai-
esty is contented and pleased that with the assent of the lordes spirytual
and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled
it be ordeyned and enacted by authority of the same, that the sayde clause
and clauses above recited in the acte before rehearsed, concerned, concer-
ning felony and paynes of death, and other penalties and forfeitures, for
and upon the first and second conviction or attainder of any priore or wo-
man for any of the sayd offences in the same clauses of the sayd acte men-
tioned, shal be from henceforth voyde and of none effecte. And also, that it be
ordeyned and enacted by authority of this present parliament, that if any
such offender as is above written, hereafter shall happen to be duly con-
victed or attainted, by the lawes mencioned in the foresayde acte, of or
upon any of the crimes and offences above written, that than everie such
offendour so beinge convicted or attainted shal from henceforth upon
his first conviction or attaynder, onely forfeit and lose to our sayd sove-
raigne lord the kyng, all his goodes, cattalles and debtes. And if the same
offender, at the time of that his first conviction or attaynder, have any mo
benefices or ecclesiasticall dignities, or promotions, than one: than the
same offendour so convicted or attainted, shal forfeite and lose for terme
of his lyfe, all issues, revenues, and profytes, of all his sayde benefices or o-
ther ecclesiasticall dignities or promotions (except one of the same benefices
or other ecclesiasticall dignities or promotions.) And if it shall fortune any
such offender or offenders at any time after his sayd first conviction or at-
taynder, to commit, do or perpetrate any of the sayd offences before rehearsed
be therof after duly convicted or attainted by the lawes aforesaid that
then every such offendour shal onely lose and forfeit to our sayd soveraigne
lord the kyng, all his goodes, cattelles, and debtes, and also duringe his
lyfe all the issues and profytes of his landes, ecclesiasticall dignities, be-
nefices, offices and promotions, to be had, leuyed, perceived and take, in
the kynges vie. And if it shall fortune anye suche offender or offenders, at
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any tyme after his said second conviction or attainder to commit do or prepetrat any of the offences before wyitten, and be also therof duly convicted or attaindered by the lawes aforesayd, that than every such offender shal one ly forsaite and lose to our said souerain lord the kynge, all his goodes cattalles and debtes, and also duringe his lyfe all the issues and profittes of all his landes and tenementes, and of all his ecclesiasticall dignities benefices offices and promotions, to be had leued perceyued and taken to the kynges use, and also shal further haue and suffer continual imprisonment of his body duringe his lyfe. And every woman beinge sole and unmarried with whom any prieste shal so offend in any of the offences abovesayd that for fait for his first conviction or attainder of or vpon any of the crimes or offences aforesayd, all his goodes cattalles and debtes. And for his second conviction or attainder, of or vpon any of the crimes or offences aforesayd all his goodes cattalles and debtes, and also the one halfe of all the issues reuenues and profittes of all his landes tenementes and hereditamentes, by all the terme of his lyfe. And for his thirde conviction or attainder, of or vpon any of the crimes or offences aforesayd, she shal forsaite all his goodes cattalles, and debtes, and also duringe his lyfe, all the issue and profittes of all his landes and tenementes, and also shal further suffer imprisonment of his body by al the terme of his lyfe. And if the woman, with whom any priest shal so offend in any of the offences abovesaid be married: that than for every his conviction or attainder of or vpon any of the crimes or offences aforesaid, shal haue and suffer imprisonment of his body by all the terme of his lyfe, at the kynges will and pleasure: Any thyng contained in this said former acte to the contrary of the said penalties in this acte mencioned in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Drauping to all and singular personne and personnes bodies polityke and corporate, their heires successours and assignes and to the heires successours and assignes of every of them, (other than such person and personnes that shall hereafter fortune to offend contrary to the tenour of this acte) all such ryght tyle interest possession entree action condicion rentes remainders reuerfions annuities fees commons leases liberties and commodities, whiche they or any of them haue shall or oughte to haue at the tyme of any such offence committed or done by any of the said offenders contrary to the tenour of this acte, in as ample and large maner and forme to all ententes constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer bene had made, any thyng in this acte contained to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ An acte concerninge dealinge of hawkes egges, carrels, and hente. Cap. xi.

¶ As muche as Justice and equity requyre that every inheritor and possessor of manors landes or tenementes within the realme of England, should accordyng to their estates or possessions peacefully and quietly

quietly haue take and enioie the profittes reuenues and commodities of the same as well in thinges of pleasure, as in thinges commonly valuable without iniury rapine or other excoite to be committed or don to any of th. in within or vpon the same. And where in the parliament holden at westm in the .xl. yere of the reigne of the noble prince of famous me more kyng Henry the seventh, it was ordeined and amongst other thynges enacted, that no man of what condicion or degree so ever he be, shoud take or cause to be taken the eggges of any faucon, goshauke or lanerde out of the neste, bypon paine of imprisonment by one yere, and further to fyne at the kynges will. The pmanusles notwithstanding, diuerse pdeil and euill disposed persones haue not desisted nor sayborne to take eggges of faucons, goshaukes and lanerdes out of the nestes, nor to take and steale dere conyes and rabbettes, by day and by night, wherof many tymes haue ensued manslaughteres and other great hurttes and in conueniences, and the encreases of the said kyndes of haukes within this realme, bene in maner destroyed, and the prices of the said conyes and rabbettes (whiche be one of the commodious bytailes of this realme, much enhaunced, to the common hurte and prejudice of all the kynges subiecttes of the same. Be it therfore ordeined and enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that if any persone or persones after the feast of the natiuite of our lady saint Mary next commynge, vnlawfully or wrongefully take or cause to be taken any egge or eggges of any faucon or Goshauke or lanerde, or the byrdes of any faucon, goshauke, or lanerde out of from any neste or nestes of any faucon, Goshauke or lanerde, wit hin any woode, ground, or place of any other person or persones within this realme, that the same offence and offences, and euery of them, shall be adiudged and taken to be felonie. And the offendour and offendours therein beyng therof lawfully convicted and attainted, shall haue and suffer penes of death and shall lose and forfeite their goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, as in cases of felonie, by the course of the common lawes of this realme.

Be it also enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, after the said feast of the natiuite of our lady next commynge, at any tyme of the daie, that is to saie, betwene the tyme of the arispyng of the sunne and goyng downe of the same, with his face hydde and couered with hoode or viser, or with his face painted, or himselfe or her his disguised, to the intent that he wold not be knownen, wrongfully, take hyl, or sea any dere within any parke or closed ground bled for dere, or in any haie or other nette, or with any fyret or purfnetes any of the conyes or rabbettes beyng within any parke or ground closed for maintenance or keeping of dere, or in any place being lawfull warren except it be such person or persons, as hath or shall haue the keeping, or be maister of the game of such parkes or groundes closed for deere, or that haue or shall haue the said conyes and rabbettes in ferme, or shalbe lawfully licensed to do so. Or if any person or persons at any tyme of the night, that is to saie, betwene the

time of going downe of the sunne, and arisynge of the same, take hyl or sle any beere, within any parke or closed grounde for beere, or with any hawke or other net, or with any fire or purlenet, ani of the conies or rabbettes in a ny parke closed ground or warren, as is above wrytten, except it be such person or persons, as hath or shal have the keeping, or be maistres of the game of such parkes or closed groundes, or that have or for beere shal have the said conies and rabbettes in ferme, or shalbe lawfully lycenced so to do, & al such offences and every of them, shalbe adjudged and taken to be felonie and the offendour & offendours therein, being therof lawfully attainted, shal have and suffer such peines of death, and shal lose and forsaite their goodes and cattalles landes and tementies, as in cases of felony by þ court of the common lawes of this realme.

Þ provided alway and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide that no manner of person or persons, shal hereafter be made demed or taken by any manner of meane, as accessorie or accessories to any offendour or offendours, in any thyng above wrytten, but onely suche person and persones as shal hereafter abette or procure any person or persons to commyt or do any of the sayd offences above wrytten contrary to this acte, whiche personne and personnes so abetting or procuring, shal (after suche offence done) by auctorite of this acte be adjudged demed and taken as accessorie or accessories, in lyke manner as in cases of felonie at the common lawe.

Þ provided alway that any woyle article clause sentence forsaiteur peine or punishment in the actes above wrytten declared shal not in any wise extend to any person or persons, that shal hunt take hyl or sle ani conies or rabbettes by day or by nyght, contrary to this acte, in any chases forrestes or warrens of the kynges, the Quenes, the Princes, or of any other persons, set lyng and beyng within the kynges dominion of Wales, or in the borders agaynst Scotland (The forrest of Snowdon in Walesoneli excepted) any thing above wrytten not withstanding.

Þ provided also and be it enacted, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, extend not to any person or persons, which shal not be lawfully indicted or appealed of any of the offences above wrytten, within one yere after any such offence committed or done: this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

Þ provided alway that this acte or any thyng there in contelied, extend not to any parke or enclosed ground, used for beere heretofore had or made without the graunt or lycence of our soverayn lord the kyng, or of any of his noble progenitours, or otherwile not allowed or approued of recorde, nor to any groundes, here after to be emparked or enclosed for beere, bi ani of the kynges subiectes, nor to any groundes not now used as a warren, for or of any conies at this present time, nor to any person or persons being freholder, copyholder, lessee for termes of yeres, for termes of lyfe, or any estate of inheritance, for or in any woyle concernynge takinge hyllynge or sleynge by any manner of meane, of any conies or rabbettes, in or upon any bu

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yt within his own ground or soyle, or elsewhere within the same his ground
or soyle being no bury, with bowe or we fittet or pascit : any thynges
before in this act conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstanding

An acte concerning sanctuaries p[ri]uileges of churches
and churchyardes Cap. xlii.



THE kynges most royal maieste calling to his moste blef-
sed remembraunce, how that many idel and euill dispo-
sed persones within this his realme and in other his
graces dominions, nothing reuarding the feare of god
nor the punishment of the kynges lawes, heretofore haue
don, and do daily committe and perpetrate wofull as
well great sundry and detestable, murders robberies, &
also other great and heynouse offences, to the gret displeasur of almyghty
god to the subuersion of all good and politike order: wherunto such male-
factours are partly instigated and moued, and the more bolde and wof-
lynge so to offend by certayn lyceuous p[ri]uileges and other lybertees
heretofore graunted to dyuerse places and territories within this his
realme, commonly called sanctuaries to whiche suche wofull offendours
heretofore haue had refuge and currece of their lyues and bodyes, after
the sayd mischeuouse offences perpetrated adone, from the iust and con-
digne punishment of his grace lawes, both contrary to the expessed word
of god, & the comon tranquillity of this his graces realme and the publike
welth & surety of the same: wherfore his grace of his accustomed goodnes
neither minding the encouraging nor continuall maintenyng of suche
mycheuous and wofull malefactours and offendours, neyther again the
vnter abolishment and extingwishingment of all sanctuaries and the p[ri]uile-
ges of the same, very expedient and conuenient to be had and continued
in euery common welth, by the law of mercy, for some causes and offences
The kynges highnes is contented and pleased, that shoulde be enacted by his
highnes with the assent of the lordes spirituall, and temporal and the com-
mons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same,
that al maner of sanctuaries and places p[ri]uileged which heretofore haue
ben vsed reputed or taken for any maner of sanctuary, except parische churches,
and their churchyardes cathedrall churches hospitalles and chap-
ches collegiate and al chapelles dedicated & vsed as parische churches, and
the sanctuaries to them and euery of them belonging, and except such pla-
ces and territories, as hereafter shall be declared appoynted named to
be places of tution and p[ri]uilege by this present acte, shal be heretofore
guyshed aduilled & boyde, and of none effecte, for any suche lyberty or p[ri]-
uilege of sanctuaries, to al purposes and intents. And lawes, lyceuous
estatutes customes, p[ri]uileges p[re]scriptions allowaunces or any other thing
or thynges heretofore vsed or aduilled to the contrary not withstanding
And furthermore the kynges royal maieste of his accustomed goodnes
mercy & benignite is pleased & contented that it be enacted by auctorite of
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this present parliament, that from henceforth these places and territories
 hereafter expressed and declared, that is to say, within the countie of Glo-
 ucestre, within, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Derby, and
 Lancashire, shalbe from henceforth aduocated, claimed and taken to be places
 of priuilege and tution for terme of yeares, for all and singular offenders
 and malefactors, of what so euer qualite bynd or nature, all & euerie their
 offences be as thalbe, for the which their sayd offences & crimes the princes
 and punishment of death shalbe inflicke by the statute lawes or customs of this
 realme, other than such as hereafter by this present act be created and for-
 warded, that is to say, that it be enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that from
 henceforth & said parish churches or churchwardens, cathedral churches, hospi-
 tals, churches, colleges & all other chapels dedicated, blessed as parish churches
 they nor any of them, nor & continuation to them, nor any of the belonging nor
 & said places & territories before in this present act rehearsed and declared for
 places of refuge and tution, shal not in any wise extend to give any manner
 tution defence immunity liberty or priuilege to any manner of person or per-
 sons, whiche at any tyme hereafter shal perpetrate, commit or do any manner
 of wilful murder, or whiche shal commit or do any manslaughter of or to any
 woman or whiche shal commit any manner of burglary, or whiche shal commit or
 do any manner of robbery in the high way or next by the way or to any per-
 son whiche shal commit or do any robbery in any house, putting the owner
 bys wife, children, seruants, or any other person within the same, in feare
 of life. And also excepted and forwarded all felonious burning of houses or
 barnes with coin, & also all robberies of churches, chapels, other hallowed
 places, And also forwarded and excepted all and singular abbeys, priories,
 convents and communities to any of the foresayd offences before specified and
 excepted before the said offences committed and done. And also excepted
 & forwarded all other offenders committing or perpetrating any offences
 wher sanctuery or tution is not allowable by the lawes of this realme, or
 wher sanctuery or tution is taken in use by any former statutes or laws.
 And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if at any tyme here-
 after, any person or persons do take any refuge or sanctuery in any parish
 church or churchwardens, cathedral church, hospital, church, college or other
 chapel dedicated commonly blessed as parish churches or in the equities to
 any of them belonging, for any offence, other than such as be created &
 forwarded by this act, that the said person or persons, so taking sanctuary
 and refuge, shal remaine abiding and remaine there by the space of xl. dayes, as
 hath ben heretofore used, being byn taken in all points according to the let-
 ters and statutes of the realm touching the coroner in the same tyme ap-
 poynted into him for the taking of his ransome in which case upon receipt
 of the said coroner, he shal and may abate after the lawes and statutes of
 this realme, so any of the said sanctuaries and priuileged places, before-
 said and being full of the number, as hereafter in any of the sayd places
 by this act shalbe appointed thereto abide and remaine during his life,

byng this sale in such that other condition and fashion. In all things and
 popines as heretofore has ben ordered and appointed by the Statutes and
 lawes of this realm. For and concerning the good order of maner per
 sons to be observed wher and howe within the said dioceses. As also to
 lose the benefices of the said dioceses and to give the prebend as compe
 sed in the said statutes. So that the said dioceses run as before. And it is
 further enacted that wher the cure of the said dioceses. wher
 any persons or persons. shall take any refuge or sanctuary in any of the
 said churches or churches or parishes or churches. And wher the churches
 collegial chapels or churches commonly used as parishes churches. wher
 ceremonies to them or any of them belonging. wher reasonable regard
 to be made. So that to come in consequence to me into such persons be
 pinge in sanctuary. As also it is enacted that to take any confession and ab
 surdation. according to the lawes of. this realm that then the said con
 fessor for every such offence shall take and say to our sovereign lord the
 kyng. C.

And it is further enacted by the said statute. that the Chan
 cellor of England for the time being within the space of one year next in
 following. shall have power and authority by the said. to assigne and com
 missioners under the kyngs great seal of England. unto such discrete per
 sons. as he shall thinke meet by his discretioun with a parliamentacione
 to appointe forth and limit certayne towns and. wher the bounden
 limits of every of the said privileged places and territories before rebe
 red. shall extend. and that the same borders and limits so by the said com
 missioners to be set forth limited and appointed shall be returned under the
 seals of the said commissioners into the kings court of chancery. the
 more of course for the better knowledge of the borders and limits of the said
 privileged places and territories. And that after the same limitation. so to
 be made and returned. the said privileged places appointed by this act shall
 serve and be allowed only to those same limits and bounds so returned
 and not elles wher beyond the limits of the same or towns. wher such by
 chartres shall be appointed to appointe and assigne to others. C.

And it is further enacted by the said statute. that in every of
 the said privileged places and territories the officers and governors of the said
 privileged place and territory by the kyngs beginnynge to be appointed and
 given of them for the good governance and ordering of the same place and ter
 ritory. shall have full by cause to be called by himselfe as his deputy. all
 the clergy of the said privileged persons in any of the said places and ter
 ritories by their names and if any of the said privileged persons. do make
 default in any of the said matters. wher he do not personally appere at any of
 the said. wher wher no mandement is made to the contrary that then every
 such person shall be taken by force before the said. as in the said
 statute. And for the better governance and ordering of the said privileged pla
 ces and territories. wher thing wher the company of the said

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other privileged place to the which he shall be conducted band brought, or
to his deputy, And that the said governor of that same privileged place,
if that same place be not than full of his number as is above rehearsed, shall
receive the said abjured person upon the sight of his sayd bill, there to
beaine him during his life as a privileged person according to the pur-
suer of this statute: And that the order and fashion be likewise observed
and kept for the conducting and conveying of all abjured persons from
every of the said privileged places being full of their sayd number, at the
time of the bringing thither of any such abjured person to the next other of
the said places, until such tyme as the said abjured person be received into
one of the sayd privileged places not having his full number: according to
the purue to of this act, And that every governor of the said privileged
places being negligent, and not doing his durtie, according to the purue
of this act, And every constable and other of the hynges officers, refusing
to receive or to conducte such abjured person as is aforesayd, shall for said
wylful loss to our said Soveraigne lord the kyng for every of their defaultes
in that behalf, be liable to the punishment of the law.

It is also provided and enacted, that this act nor any thing therein conteyned, shall
extend or be taken to minishe or appaire, or in anywise to impeche the pri-
vilege of libertie, which any person or persons have already taken claimed
or obtained in any place or places within this realm heretofore used al-
lowed or admitted by places of sanctuary privilege or custom but the same
to stand by their right in the same and effects neither better nor worse than it
was before the making of this statute, any thing therein contained to the con-
trary hereof notwithstanding.

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trary hereof notwithstanding.

what so ever he or they be at any time after the laste day of marche which
 shalbe in the yere of our lord god a thousande five hundred and thre and
 forty shal haue or put to pastur into or vpon any such ground, Forrest chace
 moore marishe heth common or wast ground, any stoned, horse or hoxles be
 ing aboue the age of two yere and not beynge of the altitude and heygth of
 fiffen handfull, to be measured from the lowest parte of the houe of the
 forfoote vnto the highest parte of the wither, & euery handfull to containe iiii.
 inches of the standerde to pasture fede or be in or vpon any of the sayd fo
 restes chaces commons moores marishes hethes or wast groundes within
 any of the shires and territories of Dorset. Suff. Cambridge, Buck. Hun
 tynghdon. Essex. Kent, Southhamshire, Northwylshire, Oxforde, Bachel.
 Worcester, Gloucester Somerset, Northwales, Southwales, Bedforde,
 Warwyke, Northampton, Northhamshire, Cheshire, Staffordshire & county
 of the cite of Wyke, the towne and liberties of Gloucester, the county of the
 towne of Kingston vpon Hull, the county Palatine of Lancaster, the county
 of Salop. Leicester, Hereforde, and Lyncolne, or within any of them, nor
 shal put to fede or pasture any stoned horse or hoxles, beinge aboue the
 sayd age of two yeres, and not beynge of the latitude and heygth of fourte
 handfull to be measured, as it abovesaid, within or vpon any lyke ground
 or groundes as ben aboue witten, lying or beinge within any other shire
 of this realme, nor within any of the, vpon payne of forfayture of the sayd
 horse or hoxles, which shal be so founde in or vpon any such ground
 forreste chace moore marishe heth common or wast ground at any tyme
 after the sayde last day of Marche, whiche shal be in the sayd yere of our
 lord God a Thousand five hundred and thre and forty contrary to the
 fourme of this estatute. And it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persones
 that shal fynde any such horse or hoxles, contrarye to the fourme of this
 estatute, to seise the same in maner and fourme folowing, that is to say the
 sayd person and persons so fyndynge any horse or hoxles contrary to this
 acte in any forrest chace common moore marishe heth or wast ground with
 in the said shires or other linites abovesaid, or in any of them, shal first go
 vnto the keper or keepers of the same forrest or chace, to his deputy or de
 puties or to the constable, bayliffe, headbrough, burtholder, or trybunge
 man of any towne shyppe next adioynning vnto the saide place where the
 saide horse or hoxles shal be: And shal commaunde, or require hym or
 them or any of them, in the hynges behalfe, to goe with him or theyn, to
 byng every such horse or hoxles, as he or they shal thinke to be there fre
 dyng and goynge, contrary to this estatute, to the next pounde, and there
 the said horse and hoxles to be measured by any of the same officer or offi
 cers in the presence of thre other honest men to be named and appoynted
 by the sayd officer, and if it so be founde that the same horse or hoxles be
 contrary to this acte, that then it shal be lawfull to euery such person and
 persons that so shal chaleng and seise the said horse or hoxles as before is
 sayd to take, and retain the same horse and hoxles, & euery of them, to his
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owne bre, and bys own proper goodes and cattalles for ever, without let, in terruption, veracion, suite or trouble of the owner or owners of them, or any of them, or of any other person or persons.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that yf any of the sayde keepers, their deputy or deputies bayliffes, constables, hedboroughes, burtholders, or tything men, or any of the sayde thyse other honest men, whych shall be requested to be at the mesuryng of the sayd hoise or hoises, as is beforesayde, do refuse to do as is aforesayde, or els do not truly measure such hoise and hoises, that then every suche bayliffe keeper, deputy or depeties, constable, hedborough, burtholder, and tything man, and the said thyse honest persones to be named, as is aforesayd, and every of them not doyng, and refusing to do bys or their duty in the premisses shall forsayte and lose .x.s. for every tyme so refusynge to do, or not doyng as is aforesayd, the one halfe therof to be to our soueraine lord the king, & the other halfe therof to be to the party that will sue for the same, in any courts of our sayd souerayne lord the king by byll, or plaint of det, informacion, or other wise, in which action none essopne, wager of lawe, or protection shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ It is provided alway that this acte shall not extende to any stoned hoise or hoises, that shall happen ones in any yere after the sayd last day March, to bieke escape or go out of any feerall pasture or ground against the will and mynde of the owner or possessor of suche hoise or hoises, in to any of the said forrestes chailes moores marishes hethes commons or waste groundes, so that the sayd hoise or hoises so breakyng escapyng or going out do not remain or abide in y said forrestes chailes moores marishes hethes commons or waste groundes, or any of them, by the space of foure dayes next after sufficient and open notice and knowledge given at the dwelling house of the owner of the sayd hoise or hoises, or althe open publicacion therof made, upon a sonday, or other festuall day, in the parish church wher the owner or possessor of such hoise both dwell.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that all forrestes, chailes commons, moores, marishes, hethes, and waste groundes within this realme of England and wales, and the marches of the same and every of them, shall be driven at the feast of saynt Michael tharchangel next comynge or within .xv. daies than next after, & so perly to be driven by the lordes owners or possessours of the sayd forrestes chailes, or by the officers of the same, and by the constables hedboroughes, bayliffes, burtholders, and tything men within whose offices and pectinets and limites, the commons moores marishes hethes and waste groundes, bringe out of forrestes and chailes be or lye upon paine of .x.s. to be forsayted to our saide soueraine lord the king by every of the saide officers, bayliffes, constables, hedboroughes, burtholders, and tything men, as often and at every tyme, as the said byll shall be omitted or left undone, or not effectually done within .xv. daies after the said feast of saint Michael tharchangel as is aforesayde

said. And it shal also be lawful to the said lordes owners and possessioners of the said forestes and chases, by their officers of the same, and by the constables bailiffes hedboroughes burgholders and tithing men, and every of them, within the limites of their offices, to make lyke dyffes of the said forestes, shales commons moores marshes hethes and wast groundes at any other season and tyme of the yere, when so ever and as often as they shall thinke mete and convenient.

And further more be it enacted, that if in any of the saide dyffes there shalbe founde any more filly sole or geldyng that then shalbe thought not to be hable nor lyke to growe to be hable to beare soles of reasonable stature, or not hable nor lyke to growe to be hable to do profitable labours, by the discrecions of the dyonours aforesaid or of the more number of the, that the same dyonour or dyonours shal cause the same unprofitable beastes and every of them to be killed, and the bodies of them to be buried in þe ground, or otherwys bestowed, as no noiaunce therby shal come or growe to the people, ther nece inhabityng or thither resoying.

And it is further enacted by the auctorite of this present parliamente, that the Justices of peace in every shyre ridyng, and other place in their quarter sessions to be kepte and holden by vertue of the kinges commyssion of the peace to them directed, and all stewartes of letes and latwe dapes in the same letes and latwodes, shal have auctorite by this acte to enquire of al defaultes contemptes, omissions and offences, contrary to the effectes above written, and every of them. And al presentmentes therof to be found in any of the said letes and latwodes, shalbe certified by the stewart or deputy, stuarde or courtholder of the same lette or latwode in the next general sessions of the peace to be holden in the county where suche presentmentes shalbe found, or had, or into the Custos Rotulorum of the same shyre, within xl. daies nexte after that presentment made to the Justices of peace in their quarter sessions of the peace shal have power and auctorite by this acte to here and determine every such presentment before them selfe found, or in any of the sayd lettes or latwodes to be presented and certified as is aforesaid, as well by examination as otherwys and if any such stuarde deputy, stuarde or courtholder aforesaid, unlawfully or contrary any such presentment, or do not certifye the same as is above written, every of them so offending shal forfeite and lose for every such offence xl. s. The one halfe of every such forfeiture, and every othe of the forfeitures above written, to be the kyng our liege lordes, and the other halfe to the persone or persons that will sue for the same, before the sayd Justices of peace in their sayd quarter sessions by hym in forsaicion to the Justices shal have full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to here and determine every such offence, as well by examination as otherwys, as is before mentioned.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no prison or persones, after the feast of saynt Michael churchyngel next comyng, shal have

have or put to pasture anye horse, geldyng or mare infecte with scappe or mange, in to or vppon anye of the sayde forestes, chaues, moores, marshes, hethes commons waste groundes, or common foldes: vppon payne to for-
saite for euery horse, geldyng, or mare so infecte, pasturage in anye of the
sayde groundes, ten shillinges, whiche offence shall be inquirable and pre-
sentable before the shuarde in euery lete, as o thet common annoyances be.
And the forsaiture therfore to be to the losde of the same lete, wher the said
offences shalbe presented.

Provided alwaye, that this acte or any thing therein contayned, shall not
extende nor be prejudiciall to any person or persons, hauinge anye stonch
horse & horses, vnder the heghthes and altitudes aboue mentioned, for or
concerning the hauing or putting any of the sayde horses to fedynge in or
vppon any common or other waste groundes, where anye mares or fillipes
not bled nor suffered to be fedde pastured or kepte.

¶ An acte for maintenance of the navy of England, and for
certaine rates of shippes. Cap. xliii.

Districte as it is evidently and notoriouse knowne, that the
more parte of this our soveraigne lord the kynges realme of Eng-
land, and the confines and dominions of the same is and hath bene
compassed and environed by and with the great seas, so that neither the
kynges liege people and subiectes of thys his sayd realme, nor yet any o-
thers of any forein realmes or countreies can or may comite or transport
their wares goodes marchandises and commodities in to and from the
sayd realme, by ouer or alonges the sayd seas, but onely, by shippes. And
wher the navy or multitude of shippes of this realme in tymes past hath
bene and yet is very profitable requisite necessary and commodious, as
well for the entercourse and concourse of marchantes transporting and
conueying their wares and marchandises, as is abovesayd, and a great
defence and surete of thys realme in tyme of warre, as well to offende as
defende, and also the maintenance of many maners, mariners and sea
men, making them expert and cunning in the arte and science of shyp-
men and sailing, and they, they wyues and chyldren haue hadde theyr
lyuages of and by the same, and also had bene the chiefe maintenance
and suppoyntion of the cities townes villages hamens and reches nere
adioyning vnto the sea coastes and the kynges subiectes bakers, brewers,
bouchers, smithes, ropers, shypwrights, raiours, shoemakers, and o-
ther bytillers and handy craftes men, inhabiting and dwelling nere
vnto the sayde coastes, haue also hadde by the same a great party of theyr
lyuages, and the same navy and multitude of shippes is now of late
merchandisely appured and decayed, and by occasion therof not onely a
great multitude of the kynges lieges people, whiche thereby hadde theyr
lyuage, be now murthered and empoweryed, but also the townes, villa-
ges

ges and inhabitations nere adioyning unto the sea coast ben utterly fallen in ruine and decay. for reſouacion therof it was ordeined and enacted by a ſtatute made in the fiftre yere of the reigne of the right noble king richarde the ſec and that non of the kynges hege people ſhould ſhyppes marchandise in any other ſhypp than in an engliſhe ſhip, vpon paine of forfeitur of the ſaid marchandise ſo ſhipped. And after that by another ſtatute made in the ſexte yere of ſaid moſt noble kyng it was enacted that for defaul of engliſhe ſhyppes every man myght ſhip their marchandiſes in ſtraungers ſhippes. And after that at a parliament holden at weſtmiſter the fourth yere of the late noble kyng of famous memorie kyng Henry the. vii. it was ordeined and enacted that no perſon ſhould cary or bring any wines of ſaigoigne or Swen or Colosse made into England: Wales, Ireland, Calys, or the marches therof or Barwyke but al onely in ſhyppes of England Wales Ireland Calys or marches therof or Barwyke at that the maſter and mariners of the ſame ſhippes or the moſt part of the ſhuld be of the ſame countreis, vpon paine of forfeitur of the ſame wyne and woadde. And after at a parliament holden at weſtmiſter the fiftene day of January, in the. xxi. yere of the moſt noble reigne of our now ſoueraigne loide, kyng Henry the. viii. it was ordeined and enacted that the ſaide ſtatute and every thyng in therein contained ſhuld ſtand in their full ſtrength force and effecte: So that from henceforth no perſon ſhulde attempte to do contrary to the tenours of any of the ſaid ſtatutes vpon the paines contained in the ſame as in the ſame ſtatutes is more plainly expreſſed & declared. Yet notwithstanding divers and ſundry perſons not regarding the maintenance of the ſaid lawe nor yet the commodities and moſte comynge and growinge unto this realme by occaſion of the ſame for theyr owne ſingular lurre and advantage have not feared nor had to offende the ſaid lawes and good ordinaunces. wherfore the kynges maieſtie having great zeale and tender reſpect unto the common wealthe of this his realme, willeth that it be enacted by the ſentent of the lordes ſpiritual and temporal and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctorite of the ſame that the ſaid ſtatutes and al and every thyng in therein conteigned, be ſtande and continew in their full ſtrength force and effecte So that from henceforth no perſon or perſons ſhall attempt to do any thyng contrary to the tenours and effectes of the ſaid good and laudable ſtatutes, vpon the paines in the ſame conteigned and expreſſed.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite abovesaide that from henceforth the owners maſters and purſers of Engliſhe ſhyppes or other ſhips having the ſame their ſhippes or beſſels at the porte and haven of the ryuer of Thames at London and being impudged purpoſed or agreed to take any freight or ladinge at the ſame porte into any of the ſaide ſhippes or beſſels and from thens to ſaile with the ſame diſcretely unto any of the parties of beyond the ſea, hereafter named expreſſed and ſpecified, or to any haven porte or rode of charge or diſcharge: Or having the ſame their

ſhippes

Shippes or vessels at any of the sayd portes of beyond the sea and be-
 ying contented mynded agreed or purposed to take any freight or lading
 for any of the same places of beyond the sea directly unto the sayd portes or
 haven of the said river of Thames at London, or to the rode of charge or
 discharge of the same, shall not at any time hereafter by any manner of meanes
 take or receive any more or greater summe or summes of money for the
 freight transportation conveyance or carriage of any wares goods or mar-
 chandises in their shippes or vessels by self or vessels into or from any of
 the sayd haven or portes of charge or discharge, but onely such summe or
 summes of money, and after the rate quantite and tacion, as hereafter in
 this present acte is mentioned and declared.

Item for the freight of every wollen clothe shipped from London to
 Flanders viii. d. Flemish, and a piece of Flemish money called an En-
 glish for lodemanage and for pinnage of every fardell of wollen clothe
 great or small iii. d. Flemish.

Item from Flanders to London for the freight of every fardell of the
 biggest sort, x. s. sterling descending downwarde to xvi. s. vii. d. s.
 or vii. s. after the rate and quantite of every such fardell, as the owner
 shippmaster or purser can agree.

Item for the freight of a maunde of the biggest sort, vi. s. vii. d. sterling
 and so descending downwarde after the rate and quantite of every such
 maund, as the marchant and owner shippmaster or purser can agree.

Item for the freight of a due fatte of the biggest sort, vi. s. vii. d. sterling
 and so descending downwarde after the rate of every such due fat, as
 marchant and owner shippmaster or purser can agree.

Item for every case of velvet containing xii. pieces velvet, v. s. Item
 for a bale of fates of .vi. fote high, v. s. Item for a bale of fullian, x. d.
 Item for a bale of chamlet, x. d. Item for a bale of Colcin hempe or thiede
 ii. s. Item for a bale of madder, ii. s. Item for a bale of almondes, ii. s. Item
 for a butte of currantes, iii. s. vii. d. Item for a barrel of nailes, ii. s. Item
 for a tunning chest, ii. s. Item for a huge chest, ii. s. Item for a tunne of
 yron, ii. s. Item for a hoggehead of pines and bates, x. d. Item for a bag
 of pepper, xxi. d. Item for every hundred hoppes, vi. d. Item for a
 salter of lye, vii. d. Item for pieces of brail as they be of bignes, for every
 piece, d. with al averages lodemanage and pinnage of olde time accu-
 stomed in English shippes.

Item from London to Danke the owner of every shippe shall have
 vii. d. sterling for the freight of every bode wollen cloth freighted to
 Danke and for every set cloth, iii. d. sterling. Item for every rolle packe
 or maunde of com shynnes, xvi. s. sterling, and so descending do-
 wardes after the biggest of the rolle or maunde as the marchantes and
 owners have ben accustomed to agree. Item for pinnage of every fardell
 toward Danke, iii. d. sterling.

Item from Danke to London for every last of wheat and rie, xvi. s. vii. d.

Item

Item for every packe, or two halfe packes of flaxe. xx. s. Item for every packe of canons. xxx. s. Item for every last of pitche and tarre, accompting xii. barrells for a last. xii. s. Item for a last of ashes, accompting. xiii. barrells for a last. xii. s. Item for every last of osmondas accompting. xiii. barrells for a last. viii. s. Item for every xiiii. bundell of bowstanes. xxi. s. viii. d. Item for every nest of compters. xxi. s. Item for every last of sag-gotes of yron. iii. s.

Item for every fatte of surgeon. ii. s. Item for ever fatte of yelox. two. s. Item for every cage of yelox. iii. d. Item for every sacke of fethers weyng ii. C. weight. every. C. xvi. d. Item for every straw of war of. lvi. c. weight. xiii. s. Item for lodemanage of every last of the sayd marchandises. vi. d. sterling. And for the primage of every last. iii. d. sterling.

Item from Burdeur to London for every tunne wyne at the first vin tage, accomptinge two ppyes. iii. hoggesheades, or. vi. terles for a tunne, xviii. s. Item for the freight of every tun wyne at the rache vintage. xvi. s. Item for every Coloses woad, accompting. viii. whole bales, or. xvi. di. ba-lettes for a tunne. xx. s. with lodemanage and primage, and al averages of olde time accustomed after the olde vse and custome of englyshe shippes.

Item from London to Bishap outward & homeward, the marchantes which take freight in any shippe shal have for every. b. tonnes, a fardell of wollen cloth, conteyning. xviii. yode clothes freight free, and to pay for every cloth laden besides in the same shipp. iij. maruables, which is. xi. d. and the third parte of a peny sterlyng. And for every tunne homewardest. xiii. s. iii. d.

And for primage and lodemanage of every tunne, vi. d. sterlyng, wpyth all averages accustomed, after the olde vse and custome of englyshe shippes.

Item from London to all portes of p. wyngale and South Spaine on this side the straites for the freight of every packe or fardell of. xvi. broode clothes. ii. duckettes of. b. s. sterlyng the piece. Alwaies provided that the mar-chant that taketh freight in any ship freighted from the sayd port of Lon- don to any of these places, shal have for every. b. tunne freight, one fardell or packe of. xvi. broode wollen clothes freight free. And for primage & lode- manage of every fardell. b. d. ob. sterlyng, wpyth all averages after the olde vse and custome of Englyshe shippes.

Item from Cauple Wynmourey, and Lepe for the freight of every tunne mar-chaundises to London. xx. s. sterlyng, and. vi. d. sterlyng for lodemanage and primage, wpyth all averages accustomed, after the olde vse and custome of englyshe ships Also for the freight of every tunne marchandises freight- ed to saincte Lukes de Barameda, saput Mary porte, the bay of Candy towardest London (pestorable wares only excepted) xxi. s. ster. and for lode- manage and primage. vi. d. ster. wpyth al averages of old tyme accustomed after the olde vse and custome of englyshe shippes.

Item Also the freight of every tunne marchandises from the Crane of Castle Directye to London (pestorable wares onely excepted) xxi. s. sterlyng And for primage and lodemanage. vi. d. sterlyng, wpyth al averages accusto-

med after the olde vse and custome of Englishe shippes.

¶ Also so the freight of every tunne marchandises from Malaga, to London (pestiferable wares only excepte) .xiiij. s. sterling. And for pinnage & lodemanage .vi. d. sterling of every tunne, with all auerages accustomed after the olde vse and custome of Englishe shippes.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd that if any owner maister or purser of shipp or vessel of this realme or the dominions therof or any of them beyng freighted unto or from the said haven or porte or the river of Thames or any of the places aboue rehearsed done exacte or take of any merchant or his factour servant or any of them, any other more or larger freight or summes of money in the name of freight than is aboue bymitted and appoynted by this acte, or otherwyse infringe or beke þ same acte or any thyng therein conteyned that than every suche person and persons so offending contrary to the forme of this estatute shall forfayre and lose double so much as he or they shall so receive and take ouer and aboue the rate and summes before rehearsed the one halfe thereof to be to our soveraigne lord the kynge his heires and successours and the other halfe thre of to be to any suche person or persons that wyl sue for the same by action of det byt informacion or other wyse in any of the kynges courtes of record: In which action no effeine protection ne waiger of latour shall be allowed or admitted in any of the courtes abovesaide.

¶ Provided also that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned or specified, concerning the said rates or summes for the freight aboue rehearsed shal not extende to binde or charge any owners, maisters, pursers, or mariners of any ship or vessel for the freighting or ladinge thereof into or from any port or haven within this realme of England, other than the said port of London in maner and fourme before specified.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd that at what tyme any warre shal happen to be moved or had betwene this realme of England and any other exterious potentates, forayne princes, theyr realmes or subiectes, or betwene any other outward kingdomes or dominions, by occasion and meanes wherof the said owners shalbe more charged for the furniture of their shippes and vesselles, as well with vitayles more numbre of men and artillery, for the sure conducting comperance, and transportation of the marchandises goodes & wares laden in the same, that thā it shal be lawful to the same owners, to receive, take, and have suche more and greater summe or summes of money, ouer and aboue the rates aforesayde for the freight of the shippes and vesselles, as the marchantes and they shalbe agreed vpon any thinge or thinges conteyned and limited in the sayd rate specified in this present acte, or any other thinge in the same acte conteyned to the contrary thereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that if at any tyme hereafter it shalbe concluded, covenanted bargained, substituted or agreed betwene any marchantes theyr factours & servants or any of the,

and

And any owner maister or purser of any shyppe or vessel of this realme or the dominions of the same that any such owner maister or purser be constrained to receive take and have any lesse sum or summes of money, under the rates above said, for the freight of their shippes and vessels, as above sayd that than any such conclusion covenant bargain condition and agreement shal stand and be good and effectual, any thing or thinges limited in the said rate specified in this present act, or any other thing or thinges in the same acte contained to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And where also our sayde soueraigne lord the kynge of his owne bounteous libeall mynde and princely discrecion now of late hath commaunded that no person nor persones being strangers or denizens, conveying or transporting any goodes wares or marchandises into any port creeke or other place of this realme, or out of the same, should for a certaine tyme paye any other more or larger custome and subsidie than his graces louyng and naturall subiectes than used and were accustomed to do and paie at that present tyme (custome and subsidie for wolles onely excepted) less wchich commaundement so given and hitowen sondy grievous complaints have ben made as well to the kinges maiestie as also to his most honourable counsaile by dyvers of his graces louyng subiectes, that the marchauntes strangers and their factours hauyng excedyng benefite profite and comoditee by reason of the sayd commaundement, haue done and doe daily lade and conueigh theyr goodes wares and marchandises broughte within this realme, from and out of the same, in and vpon strangers shippes of other realmes, in such number at sondy portes hauens ryuers and places of this realme and the dominions of the same, that the owners of shippes their maisters mariners seamen shypwrightes, and great multitude of other his graces subiectes be greatly unpoweryshed, to their externe losses and damages wherby no litle detriment and decaye hath and is lyke to ensue to the said nauy of this his graces realme of England and the dominions therof for reformation wherof his royall maiestie of his most excellent wisdom and policy forseyng the discommodities as well of his sayd nauy of the people and with mooste godly mynde intending as well the common welth of his graces said nauy and people, as also the successe and effects of his said commaundement both enacted by his most roiall assent, and by the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled and by the aueroute of the same that from henceforth al and euery person and persons that is or be strangers, or alwys borne out of this realme of Englande or in any other place out of our said soueraigne lord the kynges obedience, being denizens or not denizens, theyr factours attornies ministers and seruantes, that any tyme hereafter do lade or shall cause to be laden any wares goodes or marchandises of what kynde, nature or qualite, so euer it shall be, in any shyppe botome or vessel of this realme of England, commonly called an englyshe shyppe bottom or vessel duringe the tyme

in the sayd proclamation conteined shall not be compelled to paie, or cause to be paid any other custome or subsidie, but only according to the said proclamation. And in case that any stranger or alien borne out of this realme of Englande, or other our said sovereign lordes the hynge, obedience, being denizen or not denizen, at any tyme hereafter freight or lade or cause to be freighted or laden any shyppe betwene or vessel of any stranger or outlandyshe person with any wares or marchandise from this realme of Englande to any outward parties that the same stranger or alien shal content and paie, or cause to be contented and paid to the hynge our sovereign lord his heires and successours all such and lyke customes and subsidies as stranger and alien borne in other realmes have used to paie, according to the auncient customes usages and lawes of this realme of Englande: any thyngs in this present acte, or in the said proclamation conteined to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies that if there bee no suche shyppe or vessel of this realme of Englande or the dominions of the same, as or in the porte haven or place where the sayd strangers, aliens or denizens their seruantes or factours wolde freight and lade their wares and marchandises toward the outwarde regions that than if the sayd strangers or denizens their factours attournies or seruants before he or they do lade freight or couer the same goodes wares commodities or marchandises into any strang or strangers shyp or vessel doe notifie and declare the same lacke or want of the same englishe shippes and vessels vnto the lord high admirall of Englande for the tyme being, or his lieutenant deputie, or deputies, if that any of them be resident at or in the same porte or place of lading: or if the sayde lord high admirall, or any such his lieutenaut, deputie, or deputies, be not resident at or in the sayd port or place, than if they make notice or declaration therof to the custome and comptroller, of the same port or haven, or to the sayd deputy or deputies, and do obtayne and cause a certificat to be made vnder the seale of him, to whom suche notice and declaration is made of lacke of Englishe shippes, as is abovesayd: that than it shall be lawfull to the strangers and denizens, the sayd factours and attournies, for lacke and wantynge of the sayd Englishe shippe and vessels, to freight and lade their sayd wares and marchandises in any straunge shippe or vessel, at that tyme being in the same porte or haven, and to pay none other subsidies and customes therfore, but as the englishe marchants being the hynge naturall subiectes, do vse and oughte to do by the lawes and customes of this realme of Englande, any article or clause to the contrary therof in this present acte conteined in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ And further be it enacted by auctorite abovesaid, that al a euery owner and owners, maister and maisters, and other gouernours of English shippes or vessels, or any of them minding and intending to make any voyage or sayling from the porte of London into the parties beyond the seas with his or theis shippe or vessel, shall make publyke noyses and declaration of

his or their said minds and intent of sailing and boiage in wherryngs and
 offe the same wherryngs to some port or other open place or places in A
 berd street there to remaine by the space of lewes . . . days declaring in the
 same wherryng to what place or port or other place that he or she to saile or waite
 bys or their boiage, and of the name of the shipp and shippen in the which
 he or they intend to saile to the intent that marchauntes . . . maye have per
 fecte knowledge to prepare such . . . as they or any of them may
 have couied into such port or by the sea: And all so that the same
 owner and owners maister, and maister and other gouernour or any of
 them intende or make his or their departur from the said port of London
 after the freighting or lading of the same shipp or shippes at such tyme
 and as soone as wynde and wether wyl serue, according to the chart par
 te to be made between the said owner or maister and the marchantes with
 out protracte of tyme.

¶ And it is also enacted by the authoite abovesaid that the said owner
 and owners maister and maister and other gouernour or gouernours of
 shippes and every of them, to his or their power, and forasmuch as to him
 or them shall be shalfe and provide that all toares and marchandises,
 which shall be by the said marchantes their factours or seruantes or any of
 them brought into any shipp or vessel, shall be honeste and in good order
 saved and kepte.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by chauncelour abovesaid that yf any
 marchant stranger or other sunder hym selfe agreed or dampnyed by ne
 gligent keeping of the said marchandises or wares or by longe delating or
 protracting of the tyme in taking the boiage by the said owner his factor
 maister or any the mariners of the said shipp other wyl than shalbe agreed
 betwixt the said marchant his factor attornay or seruise a maister or owner
 in or by the said chart partie (not being letted by wind or wether) shal and
 maie haue his remedy by way of complaint before the lord admiral of En
 gland for the tyme being his lieutenant or depuie against the said owner
 or owners maister or maisters gouernour or gouernours or his or their
 factor or factours which lord admiral for the tyme being, his lieut
 enant or depuie shal and maie summarily and without delay take such or
 der and direction therein, as shal be thought to his or their discretions most
 conuenient and accordyng to right and iustice in that behalfe.

¶ Provided also that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, extend
 not to give any libertie licence benefite auoynce profit or aduantage by any
 maner of meanes, to any person or persons borne out of this realme of En
 glade or any ether our souverain lorde the kynges dominions or for the
 shipping transporting conueying or carrying of any maner of wolle or fel
 les out of the said realme and other his highnes dominions or for any lon
 ger tyme or terme than in the said proclamation & comandment is expessed
 and declared any thing in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by chauncelour abovesaid that this

acte ne any thyng therein contained extend or be in any wyse prejudicial or hurtfull to the marchantes of Hanse in Almane, having the house in Lodon commonly called Gynhalda Theonnicorum other wise called *ſ* Gynhalde, but that thei and every of them make dooe in all thynges and in all places as thei and every of them shulde or might have done before the making of this act and as though this act had never ben had or made: any thyng in this act contained to the contrary in any wise not withstanding so that the same marchantes do or shal lade in such bottoms vessels and shippes, as belong to and be of their owne postes territories and dominions privileged, or in englyshe bottoms vessels or shippes, and for lache of the same englyshe shippes or bottomes than thei and every of the may lade in any strange bottoms vessels or shippes, after such lyke forme and manner, as thei might doe before the making of this acte: any thyng contained in the same to the contrary notwithstanding.

E Provided al wise that the lorde Admirall nor his deputie nor deputies shal in any wise intermitte ne meddle with the liberties of the *v*. postes or the members of the same, to exercise any auctorite or jurisdiction to him granted by vertue of this act, but that the warden of the saide five postes for the tyme beinge or his deputie shal or may by chauncellour ascertaied, have and enjoy al such auctorities jurisdictions and liberties within the saide *v*. postes and members of the same as ben graunted to the saide highe Admirall by vertue of this acte within any other poste or place within this realme, any thyng within this present act to *ſ* contrary in any wise not withstanding

In an act concerning archbischoppes bischops their chauncellours commissaries archdeacons and their officials to be in the confirmation of the acte concerning the abolition of erroneous opinions in chrysten religion. Cap. *xx*.



Wher in the parliament holden and begon at Westmynster, the *xxviii*. date of Aprill, in the *xxxi*. yere of the reigne of our most dread soveraigne lorde kynge Henry the *viii*. and ther continued untill the *xxviii*. day of June than next folowynge, amonges divers other thynges a godly acte was made by auctorite of the same parliament touching the abolishment of diversite of opinions concerning chrysten religion, and for the full and effectuell execution of the same acte, it was then and ther enacted by the same auctorite that immediately after the *xx*. date of July than next folowynge divers and sundry commissions shuld be made from tyme to tyme into every shyre within this realme and waies, and into such other places within the kynges dominions as shulde please bys maieste to be directed to the archbishop or bishop of the diocess, and to his chauncellour and commissary, and to such other persons as shuld be named by the kynges byghnesse or by such other as bys maieste or bys pleasure shulde appointe to name the same. whiche archbischoppe or bishoppe his chauncellour or commissarie, and other persons so to be named

of them at the last, wherof the archbishop or bishop or his chancel-
 lours or his commissaries to be one, should holde and kepe theyr session
 in the limites of theyr commission. In speciall termes, of the yere at the least
 of oftener, if they should thinke it expedient by their discretions, and should
 have power and auctorite by virtue of the sayde acte, and theyr commis-
 sion as well to take information and accusation by the othes and deposi-
 tions of two able and lawfull persons as the last, as to enquire by the
 othes of twelve men, of all and singular the heresies, felonies and contemp-
 tions and other offences mentioned and declared in the same acte, committed
 done, or perpetrated within the limites of their commission, as by the same
 acte, among other thinges therein contained more at large it doth and may
 appere. And for so much that as wel the dioceses of the see of yorke as other
 dioceses within this realme, bene very wide and large, extending into by-
 uers shires, and ben divided into severall riddinges, wapentakes and so-
 kes, and in every one of them, ben and heretofore usually have bene, parti-
 cular commissions for the peace, and also in dioceses of the sayd dioceses bene
 divers peculiar jurisdictions of ordinarie powers, by reason wherof the
 archbishops and bishops, chancellours and commissaries, or any of the,
 being in the Quorum, in the sayd commissions concerninge churche reli-
 gion, made accordyng to the sayde acte, can not conveniently be at suche
 sessions as necessarily be to be holden by virtue of the same commissions,
 because of the long distaunce of the places, where these sessions bene to be
 holden within the sayd dioceses, accordyng to the tenour of the sayd acte.
 wherby divers of the same sessions have bene omitted or differed, contra-
 ry to the true meaning of the sayd acte. For reformation wherof be it en-
 acted by the kyng our soveraygne lord, with the assent of the lordes spiri-
 tual and temporal, and by the commons in this present parliament assem-
 bled, and by auctorite of the same, that in all and singular commissions,
 hereafter to be made within this realme, wherof or other the kinges domi-
 nions from tyme to tyme concerninge the premises, there shall be assigne
 to be commissioners with the archbishop or bishop, chancellour or com-
 missarye, the archdeacons and officials of every diocese and archdeacons
 jurisdictions, and such other person or persons, as it shal please the kinges
 highnes or the chancellour of England for the tyme beinge, to name and
 appoynt to be of the Quorum, which said archbishop or bishops, chanc-
 ellours, commissaries, and officials of archdeacons and other such per-
 son and persons, so to be named by the kyng our soveraygne lord, or by
 the chancellour of England for the tyme beinge, shall have by force of
 this acte and of such commission to be made hereafter to be made and direct-
 ed, the same and like power and auctorite, to do and execute all thinges
 declared in the sayde acte and statute, to all intentes and purposes, and in
 as ample and large maner and forme, as the sayd archbishoppe, bishop,
 chancellour and commissarye or any of them, may or ought to do by ver-
 tue of the sayd former acte of commission to them made or directed.

And over that be it enacted by authority aforesaid, that all such commissions and commissions hereafter to be made auctorite to any archbishoppe, bishoppe, chounsellour, commissarye, archdeacon and official of archdeacon, or to any of them, for the execution of the premises by the same names or dignite of office that is to say, archbishoppe, bishoppe, chounsellour, commissarye, archdeacon, and official of archdeacon, or of any of them, omitting and leaving out their chailden names and surnames, shalbe good and effectual in the law, to all intents and purposes: And that they and every of them, and every successor of every of them, in every such dignite and office, shal have by the same name of dignite and office full power and auctorite to heare and determine, to award & execute all thinges conteyned in every such commission to the ym directed, in lyke manner and forme as they myght have done, if they had ben named by their chailden names and surnames with additions of their dignities or offices fully expressed in the same commission: And that every such commission shal extend and be executed aswel within everye peculiar iurisdiction and place privileged, or havinge libertyes or franchises (and beinge no tyme in itselfe) being or lying within the diocese and shire or other limite specified in anye such commission, as els where without the same.

An acte concerning strangers. Cap. xvi.



He kynge our most dreadde soueraygne lord, callinge vnto his blessed remembraunce the infinite number of strangers and aliens, of forrein countreys & nacions, which day by day do encrease & multiply within his graces realme & dominions in excessive numbers to the great detrimēt hindrance, losse, and impouerishment of his graces naturall lieges and subiectes, of this his realme, and to the great decay of the same remembryng also the manifolde actes and good statutes, which have ben heretofore made, as wel by his most noble progenitours, as by his owne most royall maiestye for refoynacion of the same in diuers and sundry parlyamentes, that is to wyt: first in the first years of the reigne of king Richard the thyrde, where it was enacted, that no person not borne vnder the same kynges obeyssaunce, nor made denisen, takynge vpon hym to be an artificer or handy craftes man, should take nor occupy any house or cheser within this realme, nor abide or remaine in the same, nor sojorne with any strange person, nor being borne vnder the obeyssaunce of the same king as is aforesayd, nor exercise or occupy any craft or mannel occupatiō within this same realme: but that such strangers should depart from this same realme, within a certayne tyme appoynted by the sayd estatute, onles they were receyved in seruice to or with any subiectes or lieges of the king only whych were expert in the craftes or occupations, vnder paine to forfait al theyr goodes. And that no person, not being borne vnder the sayd kynges obeyssaunce, nor made denisen, beyng an artifcyer or handy craftes man should

should make any clothe within this realme. And also that no such strangeres
 should sell any wares within this realme but only in gildes, and not by re-
 tale, under paine of forfeiture of the same. And also that no person, that no
 person, not being borne under the said kynges obedience, shoulde buy any
 house or chamber within this realme occupying any handycrafte after a
 certaine tyme in the said act limited. And also that no person shoulde be
 bound except it were his sonne or daughter or one of the subjects of the
 said kyng, and borne under his obedience under paine to forfeite for every
 such default. xx. l. as in the said act amongst other things more plainly
 appereth. And where also in the. xiii. and. x. years of the reign of
 our said soueraigne lord the kyng that now is, it was enacted that no
 strangeres borne out of his graces obedience were he denizen or not deni-
 zen, shoulde buy any handycrafte or occupation within this realme, shoulde
 any apprentices excepte the same apprentices were borne within his graces
 dominions and obedience, upon paine to forfeite for every such apprentice
 to taken. l. l. And that also no strangeres or alien borne under his graces
 being any handycrafte within this realme after a certaine tyme limited
 in the said act, shoulde take or have any journey man or covenant servant, excepte
 such journey man or covenant servant were borne under his graces obe-
 dience. And that all manner of aliens borne as well being denizens, as not
 being denizens inhabiting within the cite of London, or within a certain space
 about the same, shoulde be under the lyege and jurisdiction of the wardens
 of the felowshippes of handycraftes within the said cite of London as in
 the said statute among other things more plainly appereth. And where
 also in the parliament of our said soueraigne lord Edward the fourth in the
 xxi. year of his moste gracious reign, it was enacted among other things
 that no strangeres should kepe any more straiter strangeres but only two
 at one tyme, and that all denizens than made or after to be made whiche
 woulde inhabite within the said cite of London, or within a certaine cir-
 cuite of the same, and woulde there kepe any house, or occupie any craft or
 occupation should be contributours to and with the kynges graces sub-
 ectes of the same craft or occupation within the said cite of London pay-
 ynge bearing and susteyning such charges of the same craftes men, as
 in the same acte is contained: And that thei shoulde also present them selves
 at the common halles or meeting place of the said craftes in the cite of Lon-
 don, and there to take a corporall othe before the maiier and wardens of
 the same craftes to be true to our said soueraigne lord the kyng and his
 deies. And also that no strangeres artificers or handycraftes men, borne
 but of his graces allegiance, not being denizen, shoulde seeke or kepe any
 house shoppes or chambers wherin they shoulde exercise any handycrafte
 or misterie within this realme, upon lyke penalties as ben mencioned in
 the said former statute. And that also no strangeres nor denizen not beinge
 born with in this realme, shoulde assemble in any company felowshipp or
 gregation or confraternity, but onely in the common hal of their craftes with
 hys

his graces subiectes of the same crafte byon lyke prue, as is aforesayd, as
in the said actes and statutes among many other thinges more plainly ex
peth. All which good holowm and beneficiall actes and statutes ben in ma
nner infringed frustrated and defrauded chiefly by the meanes of dyuers
letters patentes obtained by the crafty suites inuencions and practices of
such straungers lately made denizens in great number whiche letters pa
tentes both containe, that every such denizen shalbe as free as Englyshmen
naturally borne within the kynges graces dominions and obedience and
actes or statutes made or to be made to the contrary notwithstanding by
reason wherof he sayd denizens refuse to obey and performe such orders
and directions as in the sayd former statutes were limited prescribed
declared alowed to and for such straungers borne out of the kynges obedience
as at that time were made denizens, or that after shuld be made denizens
to the great hindraunce and decay of the handy craftes men, being the kynges
graces naturall lieges and subiectes. For reformation wherof the
kynges most royal maistie is contented and pleased that it be enacted by
his most gracious highnes the lordes spirituall and temporall and the
commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctorite of the same
that all maner of straungers borne out of his graces obedience which heret
ofore have ben made denizens, or that hereafter shall be made denizens,
from and after the first day of September next commynge shall be bounde
and obedient by and unto all the sayd actes and statutes and to all the
contentes of the same, and to al other actes and statutes of this realme,
heretofore made now being in their force and not repelled: Any letters pa
tentes or ordinaunces heretofore made, or hereafter to be made to the contra
ry therof in any wise not withstanding. And that also in all and every let
ters patentes of or for the making of any denizen, from and after the last
day of this present parliament to be made to any stranger not being borne
under the kynges graces obedience, shalbe contained a prowise that he or
she, to whom such letters patentes shalbe so made and graunted shall be
bounde and obedient by and unto al the actes and statutes of this realme
as is aforesayd, and to all and every the contentes of the same: Excepte it
shall be the kynges most gracious pleasure to graunte to any suche alien
any speciall libertes or privileges more or otherwise than is contained
in the said statutes. And in that case all suche libertes and privileges so
to be graunted to any such alien, contrary to the fourme of any of the sayd
statutes shalbe plainly wholly and particularly expessed specified and de
clared by speciall wordes as wel in the byll assigned with the kynges gra
cehand, for obtaining of any suche graunte as in the letters patentes to
be made out of the Chauncery for and concerning the same.

¶ And furthermore bee it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that no al
ien or straunger denizen or not denizen, shynge any handy crafte being
borne out of the kynges graces obedience inhabityng within the universi
ties of Oxforde or Cambridge, or within the precinct of saint Martins le
grande

granted in london, or within any other such like places privileged shall from the feast of saint margherite the archangel next commynge, reape have a. xij. in their service any apprentices, journeyman or servants, beinge alien, borne out of the kynges obediencie, above the number of two persons at one tyme, upon paine and penaltie contained in the said act, made in the said. xiii. and xv. yeres of his graces reigne. Any acte or provision heretofore made to the contrary in any point notwithstanding.

¶ And that it be also enacted by the auctorite aforesayd that every alien and stranger, borne out of the kynges obediencie, not beinge denizen, which nowe or hereafter shall come in or to this realme, or els wher with in the kynges dominions, shall after the sayd first day of September next commynge, be bounden by and unto the lawes and statutes of this realme and to al and singular the contentes of the same. And that none of the said subjects shall receive or kepe together at one time in his household, service, or family above the number of iii. strangers borne out of the kynges obediencie, nor that anye alien, beinge denizen, and bringe no handycrafte, shall receive or kepe in his household, service, or family together at one time above the sayd number of four. strangers, upon paine that the offender and offenders contrary to this article, shall lose and forfeit for every stranger borne out of the kynges obediencie, exteined and kepte above that number. s. ii. The moztie of all whiche forfeiture shall be to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, and the other moztie thereof to such person or persons as will sue for the same by original mozt, byll, playnt, or insounacion in any of the kynges courtes, in which suite none esoyne, protection, nor wager of lawe, shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ Provided also, that this acte nor anye thing therein conteyned, shall be hurtfull or prejudiciall to suche proclamation as the kynges maiestie hath published and proclaimed for and concerning the payment of custom for strangers granted by the goodnesse of his maiesty to endure for certayne yeres, but that the same proclamation shall abide, be, and remain in the same plight and strength that it is, and as if this acte had never bene made. Any thing in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also, that every lord of the parlyament may kepe the number of vi. strangers borne out of the kynges obediencie together at one tyme. Any thing in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that all leases of any dwellinghouse or shoppe, within this realme, or anye the kynges dominions, made to any stranger artificer or handycraftsman, borne out of the kynges obediencie, not beinge denizen, from & after the sayd feast of saint margherite the archangel next commynge, shall be voyde and of none effecte. And that no stranger artificer or handycraftsman, borne out of the kynges obediencie, not beinge denizen, shall after the same feast take anye lease of any dwellinghouse or shoppe within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, upon paine to lose and forfeite for every tyme do-

ing contrary to this acte one hundred shylinges. And that no person after the same feast, shal graunt or leat to terme any dwelling house or shop, to any such stranger artificer, or handycraftes men, not being denizen, to the intent to dwell or inhabite in the same, upon like payme of one hundred shylinges. The matter of which paynes and forfeitures to be to the kyng our soveraigne lord, and the other moorte to such as will sue for the same, in maner and fource as in this acte is above expelied.

An acte for paving of Algate, bygh Holborne, Chauncery lane, Graues ynnes lanes, Shoune lane, and Fenter lane.

REASONS as muche as the strete or waye leadinge from Algate within the cite of London, to white chappell church without the same gate, in the countie of Midd. The lane called Chauncery lane, and the waye leading from the barres in Holborne westwardes to ward saynt Giles in the feild, And the lane called Graues ynnes lane within the said countie. And also the lane lyinge besides saint Andrewes church in Holborne called Shoune lane. And also the lane called Fenter lane, being thorough fares and passages from fiere strete into Holborne, within the libertie of the cite of London, be very foule and full of pities and filthines, very perillous and noxious as wel for al the kynges subiectes, though and by them repaying as well on horsebacke as on foote, as also woth cariage: For the amendement and reformation wherof, it may please the kinges highnes, with the assent of his lordes spiritual and temporal, and of his commons in this high court of parliament assembled and by the auctorite of the same, that it may be ordeyned established, and enacted, that al and every person bodiles politike and corporate, whiche now have or at any tyme hereafter shal have any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes in fee simple, fee taylor, or for terme of yps, or for terme of yeares, or by reason of the wardship of any heire during the nounge of the same heire or by execution, by writ of Elegit, or for any estate of the staple, lying & being betwene the said gate called Algate & white chappell church, next adioyning to the said high way, or next adioyning to anye of the said lanes or wayes called Chauncery lane, Graues ynnes lane, Shoune lane, Fenter lane, & the way from the barres in Holborne westwardes to the farrre ende of high holborn, shal on this side the feast of the nativite of saint John baptist, which shalbe in the yere of our lord god. m. d. cxi. wel and lawfully paye or cause to be payed with paving stone, the bridge at Holborne barres, at the chauncy, beginning at the same barres, unto the end of high Holborne westwardes, as far as any habitation or dwelling is on both the sides of the same strete: And also the cause of high way leading from Algate to white chapel church: And the lane called chauncery lane from the barres beside the Holborn late made and let by by the lorde pryvy Counsell, unto the said high way in Holborn. And the said lane called Graues

James lane from Holborne barres northward, as farre as any habitation
is there: And also the lanes called Schoo lane, and Feuter lane, every
such part and quantitie of the same causeys and lanes into the middell
of the same causeys and lanes and every of them in length, as be as their
bedes or tenements do lie or extend, in like maner and forme as the causey
or bypwy way leading from Strand bridge to Charing crosse is made and
paved: And also the lanes called Schoo lane, & Feuter lane in every parte
of the same lanes as other stretes within the city of London be paved with
a camel in the middell of the same lanes, upon payne every person in his
owne default to forsake for every yerde square of the same causeys and
lanes, and every of them not sufficientely paved before the sayde feast of
Sainte John Baptist. And that all and every such persons having, or
whiche hereafter shall have landes or tenements in fee simple, fee tail, or
for terme of yere, or other waye as is aforesaid, adjoining or lyenge to and
next either syde of the sayd causeys or lanes, or any of them, the pibers,
assignes, or successors, after and from the sayd feast of sainte John Bap-
tist, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord God, 39. 32. xii. shall yearly main-
teine and repaire the same pavements, and every of them ourt against his
sayd landes and tenements past and sufficiently from time to time, as of-
ten and when neede shal require at all times hereafter with pavinge stone,
upon payne to forsake for every yerde square not sufficientely paved, vi. s.
as often as any such default of any person shalbe presented before the iustice
of peace within the sayd countie of Midd. for that parte of the sayd countie
being within the sayd countie of Midd. And before the shayre and alder-
men or iudices of the peace within the cite of London, for that whiche is
within the liberties of the sayd cite. And be it further enacted by the saids auctorite, that the iustices of peace
of the sayd countie of Midd. for the same being shall have full power and
auctorite to enquire in every quarter sessions to be kept after the said feast
of sainte John Baptist by the othe of a raton of the sayd countie as wel of
them that have not paved such parte or portion of the sayd causeys, and e-
very of them being within the sayd countie ourt against and alonge with
the middell of the same causeys, as they landes and tenements do lyen
tende or lyge, as also of such persons as have beene idle and negligent,
in mending and repaying the same causeys from time to time, as neede
shall require according to the meaning of this acte. And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the mayre of
London, Aldermen, and Iudices of the peace of the same cite for the time
being, shal have like power and auctorite by vertue of this acte, to enquire
both in their quarter sessions and at watcherles enquire to be kept within
the cite of London after the sayd feast of the nativite of sainte John Bap-
tist, by the othe of xii. men of every wards within the said cite and liberties
therof, as much of al such person and persones that from tyme to tyme as
neede shal and shal require, have not paved such parte and portion of the

Streets and lanes within the said cite and liberties thereof, and also within
 all privileged places being within the said cite and liberties thereof: As
 also of all such person and persones as be remisse and negligent in mending
 being and repairing of the same Streets and lanes, and every of them, at
 often and when as neede requirerth according to the purpose of this acte,
 bypon like peines and penalties to be assessed and offered by the officers
 within the said cite and liberties thereof in every condition as be limited
 before for them which dose not pave and repaire the said causes in hol-
 boorne, Chauncery lane and without Bilgate. And that the said iustices
 of peace, within the said countie of Midd, for the tyme being, within their
 iuris diction, shall have full power and auctorite by their discretions to as-
 merce and set fines, upon such persons as shalbe remisse and negligent to
 make default in the obsequing of the tenor of this acte. And if the sayd
 iustices of peace within the sayd countie of Midd, or the maires and alder-
 men and iustices of peace of the sayd cite of London, at any their quarter
 sessions after the sayd feast of the nativite of saint John Baptist to be hol-
 den and kept within the sayd countie of Midd, by the iustices of peace of
 same countie, or the maires aldermen and iustices of peace of the cite of Lon-
 don at any their quarter sessions or escheques of wardmoor kept within
 the cite of London, be negligent & remisse on their parties to charge by oth
 such persons to finde and present the sayd defaultes & negligence of misper-
 forisoffending contrary to the meaning of this acte, Then the said iustices
 of peace within the said countie of Midd, being present at any same quarter
 sessions to lose, and forfeite for every tyme so neglecting the sayd charge
 of And in lyke wise the sayd aldermen and iustices of peace of Lon-
 don for every lyke default and neglecting to lose and forfeite. C. *liii*
 And be it further enacted by the sayd auctorite, that the clerke of peace
 of the said countie of Midd for the tyme being shall from tyme to tyme
 certifie into the kynges eschequer as well all such fines and forfeitures so
 assessed within the sayd countie lost and forfeited before the sayd Justices
 of Midd, as to the kynges eschequer to the use of the kynges highnes and
 his heires, And the barons of the sayd eschequer to make out process by
 distresse to be taken and leved upon the sayd landes and tenementes or o-
 ther things by their discretions as well for the said fines assessed, as also for
 the said forfeitures and penalties before limited. And if the clerke of the
 peace within the sayd countie of Midd, be remisse and negligent in making
 such certifiat, or dooing his dutie according to this acte than the same
 clerke to lose and for fore for every such default. l. ii. the whiche to be to
 the use of the kynges highnes, and the other half to the use of any the ius-
 ges subiectes that wyl sue for the same in any the kynges courtes, by
 action information or otherwise, toherin no wages of lawe shal be payed
 tention shal lye for the defendant. *And thus to have lxx. to the assise*
 And further be it enacted by the aucto- rite aforesayd that the mayres al-
 dermen, and Justices of peace within the cite of London & liberties of
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the same, or ill of them, to be of the matter to be one, by vertue of this acte, that haue full power and auctorite from time to time, to set fines and amerciamentes on all and singular persons for not pauing and repauring of any strete, lane, streete, lanes, within the sayde cite or libertyes of the same, which now be pained, or by force of this act hereafter shall be pained and the same fines and amerciamentes to be leuied by distresse playnte, or action within the same cite, by the chamberlayne of the sayd cite for the time being, to the use of the mayre and commonalte of the sayd cite and thei successours, as other fines and amerciamentes for any other matter in cause within the sayd cite haue bene used and accustomed.

¶ Provided alwayes, that if the inhabitantes of such landes or tenementes do sufficiently repaue and paue before their mansions and dwellinge places, the sayd stretes, lanes, and causeis, that than every such inhabitant by vertue of this act shal defaile abate, and retriue in his handes as much of the rent due unto his lessor, as he can prove to haue expended, in and about the same pauing. And the lessor for so much money, as suche summe doth amount unto, to haue no action rentee or other remedy for non payment of the same, onelesse it be otherwile agreed betwene them.

An acte for recedifying of decayed houses in sundry towne and places of the realme. Cap. xviij.

WHEREAS as there haue bene in tyme past, byuers and many beautifull houses of habitation within the wallies and libertyes of the cityes, boroughes, and townes, of Yorke, Lyncolne, Canturbury, Couentre, Bath, Chichester, Salisburie, Winchester, Wyllawre, Scarburgh, Hereforde, Colchester, Rochester, Portsmouth, Poole, Linne, Fenestham, Worcester, Stafford, Buckingham, Donstret, Grantham, Crester, Ipsworth, Southhampton, great Beremouth, Orenford, great Wilscombe, Gulsome, Streteford, Kingston vpon Hull, Retwasel vpon Cane, Benerley, Bedford, Leicester, and Bertriche, and nowe are fallen downe, decayed, and at this day remain unrecedified, and do lye as desolate and vacant groundes, many of the which adioyning to the high stretes, replenished with much uncleannies and filthe, with pities, sellers, and hautes, lying open and vncouered, to the great perill and daunger of the inhabitantes and other the thinges subiectes passing by the same, and some houses by feble and decaye to fall downe, daungerous to passe by whiche decayed are to the great impouertising and hinderaunce of the same cityes, boroughes, and townes. It may therfore please the hynge our soueraigne loorde, by the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that it maye be enacted by auctorite of the same, that if any personne or personnes, or bodies polyphe, being owners or possessioners of anye suche desolate or voyde groundes, that haue bene at any tyme within fise and twenty yea-

tes immediately past before the. xii. day of April, in the. xxi. yere of his ma-
 jesties reigne, builded for houses of habitation, or of any other house or hou-
 ses of habitation, now or hereafter being in desape, and not fullie fallen
 down, within the liberties or precinctes of any of the said cities boroughes
 or townes, do not sufficiently reedifye buyde and repaire, or cause to be re-
 edified, buyded and repaired the sayd desolate voyd groundes, or decayed
 houses, convenient for habitation and dwelling, within the yeares next
 after proclamation therof to be made in or upon the same void ground or
 groundes, decayed house or houses, by the mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes, or a
 lther head officers of euery of the sayd cities boroughes, townes, by what
 name or names so euer they be incorporated, euery of them within the pre-
 cincte of thei owne auctorite: that then it shal be lawfull to the lord or
 lordes, of whom such desolate voyde groundes, or decayed or ruinous hou-
 ses ben holden, after the sayd thre yeares expyred, to entre into the same, &
 to haue the same groundes or houses to them and to thei heyres or succes-
 sours, to thei owne propre vse for euer, so that the sayd lord or lordes so
 entring by auctorite of this acte, do sufficiently reedifye build and repaire,
 the same voyd groundes or decayed houses within two yeres next and im-
 mediately folowynge the determination of the sayd thre yeres. And in case
 such lord or lordes as maye entre by this acte, do not entre, and well and
 sufficiently reedifye, buyde, or repaire the same voyd groundes or decayed
 houses, within the said. ii. yeares to them limited by thys acte, that then it
 shal be lawfull to all such personne or personnes, or bodies politike as shall
 the haue any rent charge going severally out of any of the said void ground
 or grounds, or decayed house or houses in any of the said cities, boroughes
 or townes, immediately after the said two yeares expyred, to entre into the
 same, and to haue the same void groundes or decayed houses to the, thei
 heyres or successors for euer, to thei owne propre vse, so that the sayde
 personne or personnes, or bodies politike, hauing the saide rent charge en-
 tring by auctorite of this acte, do sufficiently buyde, reedifye, and repaire the
 same desolate and voyd ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses,
 within one yere next and immediately folowynge the determination of the
 sayd two yeares to the sayd lord or lordes appointed by this acte. And in
 case such person or persons or bodies politike hauynge the sayde rentes
 charges, as may entre by this acte, do not entre and wel and sufficiently
 reedifye, build, & repaire the same void groundes or decayed houses, with-
 in the sayd one yere to them appointed by vertue of this acte: that then it
 shal be lawfull to the mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes or commynalty or other
 head officers of the sayd cities, boroughes, and townes, by what name or
 names so euer they be incorporated, or thei successors, euery of the worth-
 in the limited of their auctorities, immediately after the sayd yere expyred
 into euery such desolate or voyde groundes decayed or ruinous houses to
 entre, and the same groundes and houses and euery of them to holde and
 enioy to them and thei successors for euer clerely discharged of al rent go-
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prize out of the said groundes or houses as well agaynst the sayd lordes as
 against all person or persons or bodies politique having any further
 or rentes as before is sayd, so that the same shalles, shewes, bayliffes
 and comminalties, or other head officers, as is aforesaid, or their successours
 found for the tyme being doo redifie, buyde or repaire, or cause to be redi-
 fied, buyded, or repaired, the same ground or groundes, house or houses,
 within the yeres next and immediately following the determination of the
 sayd yere, to such person or persons, or bodies politique, that shall have any
 such rent as is aforesaid. And in case the sayd mayors, shewes, bayliffes,
 comminalties, or other head officers as is aforesaid, or their successours do
 not entre and redifie, buyde or repaire the same said ground or groundes
 or decayed house or houses, in forme before sayd, within the sayde terme of
 iii. yeres, after their said entre, that thā it shalbe lawfull to the said owner
 or owners, possessor or possessors of such sayd ground or groundes,
 or decayed house or houses, they theyres or successours immediately after
 the sayd. iii. yeres to the sayd mayors, shewes, bayliffes, comminalties, or
 other head officers, as is before sayd limited, repaired, into the same ground
 or groundes, house or houses, to reentre, and the same to reteyne to them
 they theyres or successours, as in the first estate, ampe thyngs contained in
 this present act to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Wherof it shalbe alwayes, that this present act, nor any thing therein obtained
 be in any wise prejudicial or hurtful to any person or persones being at
 the tyme of the sayd proclamation made under the age of xxi. yeres to any
 woman being married, or to any person or persons being in prison, or be-
 yond the sea in the hynges warres, or in his other lawful affaires during
 such time as the such person or persons shalbe within age married, in pris-
 on or beyond the sea, so that the same person or persones, after he or they shal
 come to the age of xxi. yeres, or being not married, out of prison, or come a-
 gayne within this realme, within the yeres next ensuing, doo redifie the
 same desolate or voyde groundes, or repaire the decayed houses.

Another acte for redifying of decayed houses in sundry townes of
 the West partes. Cap. xix.

Exasmuch as in thre past yeres and manye beautiful houses of
 habitation have bene within the walles and liberties of the bo-
 roughes and townes of Sh'aston, Shireburne, Birtport, Dorce-
 ster, and Wilmouth, within the county of Dorset, & the boroughes
 & townes of Plimmoth, Plimton, Barstable, Taunton, & Dartmouth
 within the county of Devonshire, & the boroughes and townes of Lacey
 Lysherde, Lestwithel, Bodmin, Trecu, and Hellsen within the county of
 Cornwall, and the boroughes and townes of Badgewater, Taunton, So-
 merton, and Aichester, within the county of Somerset, and the borough of
 Waldon in the county of Essex, and also the borough and shire towne of
 Warr.

that in the county of Northampton are fallen downe, decayed, and
at this time remaine unresided, lying as desolate and voyde groundes
and many of them adioyning hygh unto & hygh streets, replenished with
much ordure filthe and verminne with pittie fellows and vauers, the
wynges open and uncouered to the great peeph and danger of all the in-
habitantes and other the kinges subiectes passinge by the same: and these
houses be very weak and feeble ready to fall downe, and therefore dangerous
to passe by, to the great decay and hinderance of the said boroughes and
townes. It may be therefore enacted by the kyng our soveraigne lord by
the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this
present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that if any
person or persons or bodies politique, beinge owners and possessorers of
any suche desolate or voyde groundes, that at anye time within fyve and
twenty yeares next before the making of this acte, have bene builded for
houses of habitation, or of any other house or houses of habitation, now
or hereafter being in decaye, and not fully fallen downe within the liber-
ties or precinctes of any of the said boroughes and townes, do not suffici-
ently reedifie, buyde, and repaire, or cause to be reedified, builded, and re-
payred the said desolate, voyde groundes, and decayed houses convenient
for habitation and dwelling within the yeares next after proclamation
to be made in or upon the same voyde ground or groundes, decayed house,
or houses, by the Mayors, Bailiffes, or other head officers of every of the
said boroughes and townes, by what name or names former they be in-
corporated, every of them within the precinct of thei owne auctorities,
that than it shalbe lawful to the hygh lord or lordes, of whom such desolate
and voyde groundes, decayed or ruinous houses be holden, after the said
thier yeares be expyred to entre into the same, and to have the same ground
des or houses to them and to thei heyres or successours to thei owne pro-
per use for ever, so that the said lord or lordes entring by the auctorite of
this acte, do sufficiently reedifie, buyde or repaire the same voyde ground-
des or decayed houses within two yeares nexte and immediately follo-
wing the determination of the foresaid thier yeares. And in case such lord
or lordes as may entre by this acte, do not entre and well and sufficiently
reedifie, buyde or repaire the same voyde groundes, or decayed houses,
within the sayde twoo yeares to theym limited by this acte: that than it
shalbe lawefull to al suche person or persones or bodies politique as shall
than have any rent charge goinge severally out of the said voyde ground
or groundes, or decayed house or houses, in any of the sayde boroughes or
townes, immediately after the said two yeares expyred, to entre into the
same, and to have the same voyde groundes, or decayed houses, to theym
and to thei heyres or successours for ever, to thei owne proper use, so
that the said person or persones or bodies politique, having the said rent
charge, entring by auctorite of this acte, do sufficiently reedifie, buyde,
and repaire the same desolate and voyde groundes or groundes, or decayed
house

house or houses within one yere next and immediately following the determination of the sayd ii. yeres, to the sayd lord or lords appointed by this acte. And in case such person or persons or bodies politike having the sayd rentes charges as may entere by this acte doe not entere and well and sufficiently redreffe buyde or repaire the same boide groundes or houses betwixte within one yere to them appointed by vertue of this act that then it shall be lawful to the mayors bayliffes or communaltie, or other heads officers of the sayd boroughes & townes, by what name or names so ever they be incorporated or they: successors every of them within the termes of their auctorities immediately after the sayd yere expired into every such decayed or boide groundes decayed or ruinous houses to enter, and the same groundes or houses and every of them to hold and enjoy to them and their successors for ever clearly discharged of all rentes goyng out of the same groundes or houses as well against the sayd lord or lords as all other person or persons or bodies politike, having any such rente or rentes, as before is said; that the same Mayors Bayliffes and communaltie or other head officers as is aforesayd, or they: successors for the tyme being nor needfuly buyde, or repaire or cause to be redressed buyde or repaired the same groundes or groundes house or houses within three yeres nexte and immediately following the determination of the said yere to such person or persons or bodies politike that shall have any rente as is aforesayd. And in case the sayd mayors bayliffes communaltie or other head officers as is aforesayd their successors do not entere and redreffe, buyde, or repaire the same boide ground or groundes or decayed house or houses, in tyme aforesaid, within the said terme of three yeres after their said entree: that then it shall bee lawful to the sayd owner or owners possessor or possessors of such boide groundes or groundes or decayed house or houses their betes or successors immediately after the sayd three yeres to the said Mayors Bayliffes communaltie, or other head officers as is above limited & copied into the same groundes or groundes do entere and the same to retaine to them their betes and successors as in their first estate. And thynge contained in this present act to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is provided likewise that this acte nor any thing therein contained, be not in any wise hurt full nor prejudiciall to any person or persons beinge at the tyme of the sayd proclamation made under the age of one and twenty yeres or to any woman beinge married or to any person or persons beinge in prison or beyond the sea in the saynges houses; or in any other lawful maner's burynge such tyme as such person or persons shall be within age married in prison or beyond the sea so that the same person or persons after that he or they come to their plaine age bee dismissed out of prison or come againe within thys realme within three yeres nexte ensuing doe redreffe the same decayed or boide groundes or repaire the sayd decayed houses.

And in the said parliament the king's grace did give and granted unto the said lords spiritual and temporal and to the commons of that time the following statute in these words to wit



That whereas the king's grace hath by letters under the great seal of Great Brittain bearing date the first day of the month of June in the first year of the said king's grace's reign directed unto the lords spiritual and temporal and to the commons of that time his grace's commandment that the same should be observed and executed in the king's grace's court of augmentations of the revenues of his grace and of the chancery officers and ministers of the same by the which statute it is not fully plainly nor expressly declared of record how and in what sort and by what special officers and ministers the liberties privileges and franchises which the late owners of the same fees circuits precincts honours castles manours messuages landes tenementes and other premises had used and exercised should be ordered used exercised and put in execution. Be it therefore enacted by the king our sovereign lord with the assent of the lords spiritual and temporal and of the commons of that present parliament assembled and by the authority of the same that all and singular the same liberties franchises privileges and temporal rights by reason which the said late owners had used and exercised lawfully by them selves or by their officers or ministers or might have used or exercised the in the monethes next before that the said fees circuits precincts honours castles manours messuages landes tenementes and other premises came to the possession of the kinges by giftes shall be by virtue of this present act renewed and be really and actually in the kinges by giftes his heires and successors and shall be in the rule order surcey and governance of the kinges said court of augmentations of the revenues of his grace and of the chancery officers and ministers of the same And that the same liberties franchises privileges and temporal benefices profits and commodities of what kyndes or natures so ever they be coming growing or rising by reason or occasion of them or of any of them shall be used exercised and occupied to all intents purposes conditions and respects and shall be claimed levied collected and take by such persons officers and ministers as shall please the kinges by giftes to name and appoint in like manner forme fashion and condition as they or any of them were lawfully used exercised executed claimed levied collected and taken before that they came to the hands and possession of our said sovereign lord and that the same persons officers and ministers shall be accountable for the issues and revenues of their bailiwicks and offices as shall be compelled to accompte in the said court of augmentations like as the kinges receivers or other officers accountantes in that court here tofore

tofore have done or owe to do.

¶ And where also divers and sundry scites, circuits, and pociuncies of late monasteries, abbeys, priories, nunneries, colleges, hospitalles and other ecclesiasticall and religious houses and places, and also divers honours, castles, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, liberties privileges franchises and other hereditaments, which bene comen to the kinges handes by attainder or attainders of high treason, ben assigned limited and appoynted to the order rule, suruey, and gouernance of the kinges generall surueyours. And for as much as it is not fully, plainly nor expressly knowen or declared, howe and in what wyse, and by what speciall officers or ministers the temporall liberties privileges, franchises, and temporall iurisdiccions, which the late owners of the said scites, circuits, pociuncies, honours, castles, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, and other the premises had, vsed, and exercised, should be ordered, vsed and put in execution. Be it therfore enacted by authority aforesaid, that al and singular the same liberties, franchises, privileges, and temporall iurisdiccions, which the late owners of the said scites, circuits, pociuncies, honours, castles, manours, and other the premises, which ben comen to the kinges handes by attainders, as is aforesaid, lawfully had vsed and exercised by them selues or by theire officers or ministers, or whiche they might haue vsed or exercised within iii. monethes next before that the same scites, circuits, pociuncies, honours, castles, manours, and other the premises came to the possession of the kinges highnes, shal be by vertue of this act, renewed, and be reallye and actually in the kinges highnes his heires and successours, and shalbe in the rule order, suruey and gouernance of the kinges sayd general surueyours, and of the officers and ministers of the same. And that the same libertyes, franchises, privileges, and temporall iurisdiccions, and al maner fines issues, and merciauntes, and other profits and commodities, of what kyndes or natures so euer they be, commynge, growynge, or rylng by reason or occasion of them or any of them, shalbe vsed exercised and executed to al intended purposes, condicions and respectes, and shal be claymed, leuied, collected and take by such stewarden, bayliffes and other officers and ministers as shal please the kinges highnes to name and appoynte for the same, in lyke maner, iourne, facion and condicion as they or any of them wer vsed exercised executed, claymed, leuied collected and taken before they came to the handes and possession of our sayd souerayne to be by attainder, as is aforesaid. And that the sayd stewarden, bayliffes, officers and ministers, therof shalbe accountable for the issues and reuenues of their bayliwikes and offices, and shalbe compelled to accompte before the sayd general surueyours as other officers accountauntres in that court heretofore haue done or owe to do.

¶ And be it enacted by authority aforesaid, that the said stewarden bayliffes, and other officers and ministers shal be assensable and obedient to al other the kinges courtes, as well for al executions and retournes of writtes

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res: rantes and preceptes, as for they: personall apparances and other duties of their offices, like as the officers and ministers of the said law officers byd and ought to do, or shuld have done by reason of their sayde severall offices, before that the same libertees privileges and temporall jurisdictions bydde come to the possession of our said souveraigne lord, and that to be done and observed upon all peynes and penalties by the laws of this realme lymitte and ordeyned for any offence or default in the same. And that no sheryffe undersheryffe nor other officer or minister of any sheryffe or other foreyn officer or minister shall in any wyse intromyt or medel in, with, or upon any of þ premysse, other wyse or in any other maner nor for any other cause than they or any of them lawfully myght have don before the same premysse did come to the possession of our souveraigne lord.

C Provided alway and be it enacted, that al and singular persons and bodies politike and the heires successors and assignes of every of theym, shal have holde use execute and exercise as well by the felmes they: officers servauntes and ministers, as by and for their tenants sermons & resiantes, all and singular libertees privileges and franchises which they or any of them now have by or from the kynges maiestee by any lettres patentes indentures writynges under any hys highnes seale, or by any othe of parlyament or other wyse, or by the lawful graunt or lease of any person or persons, or by any other meanes or lawful title in as large ample and beneficial maner to all intentes respectes and purposes as they or any of them now have, or of right ought to have the said libertes franchises and privileges or any of them, and as though this acte had never ben had ne made any thing above writte nor withstanding The privileges of sanctuaries church churchpardes, or cemeteries, for tuncion of transgressours, and of sendours ouely excepted. Having to al and singular persons and bodies politike and the heires, successors and assignes of every of theym, all such offyce and offices fees, annuities, profits, and commoditees, whiche they or any of them now have, or of right ought to have, in or upon or by reason of the said sites, circuits, profits, castles, honours, manours, mesuages, landes, tenementes, libertees, franchises, privileges, and other the premysse, or in any parte or parcell of them in as large and ample maner fourme facion and condicion to all respectes and purposes, as if this acte had never ben had nor made any thyng in this acte to the contrarye therof notwithstanding.

And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritee of this presente parlyament that the Chauncellour of the said court of augmentacions now be ynge and every of his successors being Chauncellour of the same court and the kynges general attourney & his grates attourney of þ said court of Augmentacion for the tyme being, and everie of them, and their successors and the successors of every of them, shall have full power and auctoritee by vertue of this acte, to take to the use of the kyng our souveraigne lord, hys heires and successors knowlages of al maner of concordres for
fines

lines thereupon to be had and recorded in the court of our said sovereign lord the king, & of his heires and successors commonly called the common place, of and upon al and singular manours lordships, landes, tenements, and other hereditamentes, being & which by reason of these lines or other wise shalbe under the othe rule, or survey of the said court of augmentation, without any fine or fee to be payed for the same. And that the judges & iudges for the time being, of the said court called the common place, and their successors, shall accept, receive and allowe, al the said knowledges of conveyance by the said chancellour, and attourneys, or any of theym, to be certified or delivered into the said court called the common place.

And the same to be an effectuall in the same to all intents and purposes, as if the same knowledges of conveyances had bene made, taken, or knowledged before the chiefe iudge of the said common place out of the same court be openly in that court. And also that the said chancellour and attourneys for the time being, and any of theym, and the successors of any of theym, shall have full power and authority to take knowledge for enrollinges of all deedes made or to be made to the use of the kyng our sovereign lord, his heires and successors, of anye manours, landes, and tenements, and of al obligations to be made to the king, his heires and successors, or to other person or persons to the use of the kyng, his heires and successors, for any matter or cause, concerning the said court of augmentation, or concerning the said manours, landes and tenements, notwithstanding any fee gift or reward by them or any of theym to be taken therefor. And the same deeds so knowledged to be intolled or registered in the said court of augmentation, and so being there intolled or registered amonges other recordes there remaining, and the invollmentes and registringes of the same, to stand and be of record, and of as good strength and effect, as if the same were or had bene knowledged before any other iudge or iustice of record, and enrolled in any other court of record.

Provided alwaye & be it enacted by the authority aforesayde, that in all such of the said liberties, franchises, and places privileged, and in any of them limited to the said court of augmentation, and to the chancery court, before to our the kinges highnes in his owne most royal person shal come to visit, saye, abide, or make his residence within this his realm, or any of his dominions, whether liberte or without cher & whether the bioge limited & accustomed to his graces court, during the time of his abode, the steward or great chamberlain of his graces household, the marshall, constable, clerke of the market, and al other his ministers, shall and maye have theyr courtes for justice, and exercise their office and offices, as shall apperteyne to them according to the lawes, customes and statutes of this realm as well with in liberties and franchises as without. And that his graces clerks of the market and none other, during the same time as well within the said liberties and franchises as without shal exercise the office of clerks of the market within the said bioge, any privilege, grant, allowance, or other thing

to the contrary therof notwithstanding.
 ¶ Provided also that this article next above rehearsed, or any thing therein contained be not in any wise prejudiciall to the city of London but that the same cite shal have and use such liberties as they mought, if that article had never bene had ne made.
 ¶ And where also the sites, circuites, and pocietes of the late monasterie of Furnes, and of the late monasteries and priories of Cartmel, Copynghel, Burrough and Holland, and also divers honours, castles, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, liberties, privileges, franchises and other hereditamentes, late parrel and appertayninge to the sayde late monasteries & priories, or to any of them, which ben comen into the kings handes, ben assigned, limited, and appointed, to the ordye rule, survey and governaunce of the chauncellour officers and ministers of the county palantime and Duchy of Lancaster. And for as much as it is not fully plainly nor expressly knownen or declared, howe and in what wise, and by what especial officers and ministers, the temporal liberties, privileges, franchises, and temporal iurisdiccions, which the late owners of the sayde sites, circuites, pocietes, honours, castles, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, & other the premises, had used or exercised, should be ordered used and put in execution. Be it therefore enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that all and singular the same liberties franchises, privileges, and temporal iurisdiccions, which the sayd late owners of the sayd sites, circuites, pocietes, honours, castles, manours, and other the premises, late fully had used & exercised by them selves, or by theyr officers or ministers, or wherby they might have used or exercised within iii. monethes, next before the same sites circuites, pocietes, honours, castles, manours, & other the premises came to the possession of the kinges highnes, shal be by vertue of this act revived, and be really and actually in the kinges highnes his heires and successours, and shalbe for ever in the rule ordye survey and governaunce of the sayd chauncellour officers & ministers of the sayd county palantime and Duchy of Lancaster. And that the same liberties franchises, privileges, and temporal iurisdiccions, and al maner of fines issues, amercementes, and other profits and commodities, of what kindes or nature so ever they be, coming, growing or arising by reason or occasion of them, or of any of them, shalbe used exercised, and executed to al purposes, intents & condicions, respectes, and shall be claymed, leved collected and taken, by such stewardes bailiffes, and other officers and ministers, as shall please the kinges highnes to name and appoint for the same, in like maner soune & addition as they or any of the were used exercised executed claymed leved collected and taken before they came to the handes & possession of our said fourain lord. And that the said steward, bailiffes officers & ministers shalbe compelled to accompt for the same before the said chauncellour officers and ministers of the said county palantime and Duchy of Lancaster, as other officers and accomptantes in the court of the sayd Duchy heretofore

have done or done to do in all such things as they are to do in the
 And be it enacted by this our said assembly, that the said Henry of Lan-
 castre and other officers and ministers, shall be attendants and shall be
 at other the king's courts, as well for all executions and returns of writs
 warrants and precepts, as for personal appearance and other duties
 of their offices, like as the officers and ministers of the said Henry of Lan-
 castre did or ought to do, or should have done, by virtue of their said offices
 here, before that the same liberties, privileges, and immunities and franchises
 did come to the possession of our said sovereign lord, and then to be done
 and observed upon all points and penalties by the laws of this realm
 admitted and observed for any offence or default in the same, and that the
 said Henry of Lan- castre or other officers in number of any thereof, or other fe-
 deral officer or minister, shall in any wise intrude or meddle in any of the
 any of the said liberties, or in any other manner, or for any other cause
 than they or any of them lawfully might have done before the same privi-
 leges did come to the possession of our said sovereign lord.

It is provided always that this act or any thing therein contained shall
 in any wise extend to abrogate, abate, diminish, nor to take any fran-
 chises, franchises, privileges, immunities, realties, or any other profits com-
 monities and advantages what so ever they be, belonging or in any wise
 appertaining to any the king's castles, honours, manors, lands, tenements
 or other his possessions of his said county palatine of Lancaster and
 Duchy of Lancaster, or of either of them, but that all such liberties, fran-
 chises, privileges, immunities, realties, and all other such profits and com-
 monities and advantages, what so ever they be, shall be retained taken
 answered to the king's highness by his heirs and successors, by the com-
 cellours officers and ministers of the said county palatine of Lancaster
 Duchy of Lancaster, and either of them as were or shall be or shall be
 done at any time before the said day of February next next next of this
 most noble reign, any thing in matter or clause in this act contained to the
 contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

It is provided always that this act or any thing therein contained shall
 not extend to abrogate or be hurtful in any of the liberties, franchises, or
 the profits of the manors of the same, but that they and every of them
 shall remain, possess, and hold, all and singular liberties, immunities, fran-
 chises to them granted heretofore by the most famous prince of men
 King Edward the fourth and other his noble progenitors, confirmed
 by our four said lords the bishops, that now is, in the name
 and solemnity though this act had never been made.

The Abbot of the Monastery of St. Mary of York, Bishop of Eborac.

And whereas the General Council of the County of York, being then held, and
 yet aspecially held, be holden and kept in such time and place
 of the year that by occasion thereof not only great peril and danger

of infectio of the plague, and sundry other sickenelles, haue happened to the
 kinges louing subiectes, as wel nobles as other, but also hath ben and yet
 is a great impedimente and let to a great multitude of the kinges poore
 subiectes for mouldon and gathering in of haruest and other their necessa-
 ry buisness and liuings in that season of the yere most expedient to be exercised
 The kinges most roial maiesty hauing especial respect as wel to the helth
 as to the wealth of his people, by the assent of the lordes spiritual and temp-
 oral and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the au-
 thorite of the same, do hereby enacteth, and stablisheth, that in the sayde
 Trinity terme shalbe foure common dayes of retorne ouerly & not above,
 that is to say the first day of retorne shalbe and be called, In crastino sancte
 Trinitatis, the second day of retorne of the same terme shalbe and be called
 In octabis sancte Trinitatis, the thyrde day of retorne of the same terme shal
 be and be called In quindena sancte trinitatis, and the fourth day of retorne
 of the same terme shalbe and be called, A die sancte trinitatis in xvi septima-
 nalis. And that the same dayes of retorne shalbe obserued and kept in al
 our soueraigne lord the kinges high courtes of recorde hereafter to be had-
 den at Westmynster, or other place or places at the assignement, appoynt-
 ment, or agreement of our soueraine lord his heires or successors: And that
 from and after the feast of saint Michael the archangell next coming there
 shal not be nor be called any dayes of retorne, In crastino sancte Ioannis
 Baptiste, Octabis sancte Ioannis Baptiste, nor Quindena sancte Ioannis
 Baptiste, nor any of them.
 And be it further enacted by the auctorite abovesayd, that the sayde terme
 of the holy trinite shal perye for ever from the said feast of saint Micha-
 el the archangell next coming, begin the monday next after Trinity son-
 day when so ever it shal happen to fall for the keeping of the dignes, pro-
 cesses, retournes, and other ceremonies heretofore used & kept, in like maner,
 and fourin as in times past hath bene used to be done in the day of retorne
 commonly called In octabis sancte Trinitatis. And that the full terme of the
 sayd Trinity Terme shal perye for ever, begin & take his commencement
 the friday next after Corpus Christi day, in such and like maner & fourme
 to al purposes, intents and respects, as heretofore hath bene used the wed-
 nesday next after Corpus Christi day. And that fro and after the sayd feast
 of saint Michael the archangell next coming, the said second & thirde day
 of retourn called Octabis sancte trinitatis, and Quindena sancte trinitatis
 shal take their commencement and begin as in times past hath bene used
 And that the sayd fourth day called A die sancte trinitatis in xvi septimanas
 shal take his commencement and begin from the said Trinity sonday in
 to thre weekes then next folowinge, and shall haue his retourne woth the
 fourth day, as is accustomed in other like dayes of retorne.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite abovesayd, that if after the
 said feast of saint Michael the archangell next coming, any trespas in any
 realtation comit in or be recognisable into any of our sayd souerain lord the
 kinges

kinges courtes. In octabis sancte Hillarii, than day shalbe geuen In crastino sancte trinitatis. If In quindena sancte Hilarii in octabis sancte trinitatis. If in crastino purificationis beate marie In quindena sancte trinitatis. If in octabis purificationis beate marie, than A die sancte trinitatis in tres septimanas. And if after þe same feast of saint Michæl, tharchangel any wote in any real action come into any of our sayd soueraigne lord the kinges courtes returnable In crastino sancte trinitatis, then day shalbe geue in crastino apocritum, if in octabis sancte trinitatis, in crastino sancte martini, if in quindena sancte trinitatis, in octabis sancti martini. If A die sancte trinitatis in tres septimanas, in quindena sancte martini.

And be it further enacted by thauctoury abovesayd, that if after the sayd feast of saint Michael tharchangel next coming any wote of doctore come in to any of our soueraine lord the kinges courtes & be returnable, in quindena pasche, than day shalbe geue in crastino sancte trinitatis, if A die pasche in tres septimanas, in octabis sancte trinitatis, if a die pasche in vñ mēsem. In quindena sancte trinitatis, if a die pasche in quinq; septimanas, or in crastino ascensionis domini, than day shalbe geuen into the day of a die sancte trinitatis in tres septimanas. And if after the feast of S. Michael tharchangel next coming any wote of doctore come into any of our sayd soueraigne lord the kinges courtes of record, in crastino sancte trinitatis, than day shalbe geuen in octabis sancte Michaelis, if in octabis sancte trinitatis in quindena sancti Michaelis, if in quindena sancte trinitatis, a die sancti Michaelis in tres septimanas, if a die sancte trinitatis in tres septimanas, a die sancte Michaelis in vñ mēsem or otherwise as is appoynted limited & declared by the statute of Warlebridge in the xii chapter therof made and prouided.

And it is further enacted by thauctoury abovesayd, that al commyn wotes and proseses as wel personal as mixt, which shal fortune to be retournable in the sayd Trinitie terme shal haue and kepe the sayde retournes of Crastino sancte trinitatis, octabis sancte trinitatis, quindena sancte trinitatis, and A die sancte trinitatis in tres septimanas, or any one of them.

¶ Prouided alway and it is further enacted by the auctoritey abovesayd, that in such and like cases and proseses and speciall daies haue bene used to be appoynted assigned and geuen for the returning of wotes and proseses, it shalbe lawfull to the iudices of euery of the kinges sayd courtes of record for the time being in al the proseses by the awarded, to assigne and appoynt special daies of retournes, as by their discretions shal be thought conuenient.

¶ Prouided also, and be it further enacted by thauctoury abovesayd, that the daies in assise of darraine presentment, and in plea of Quare impedit, limited and appoynted by the statute of Warlebridge, and also the daies to be geuen in attaint limited in the statute made in the fyfte yere of the reygne of the noble king Edward the third, being not contrariunt to the tenour of this acte, shalbe holden firme and stable, and shal stand in their full force and effect.

An acte concerning the accomptes of byshops and other for the tenth
graunted to kynges maiestye. Cap. xxii.



A moste humble wyse besechynge your most roiall ma-
iestye, your humble subiectes, the archbishops and bis-
hops of this your realme, that where in the parliament be-
gon at London, the third day of Nouember the .xxi. years
of your most gracious reigne and from thens adioined to
westm. and there holden and continued by diuers pro-
gacions, vnto the third day of nouembre, in the .xxvi. yere of your most no-
ble reigne, it was enacted by thauetority of the same parliament amonge
other thinges, that your maiestie, your heyres, and successours, kinges of
this realme, for more augmentacion and maintenance of the roiall estate
of your imperial crowne and dignite of supreme heade of the church of
England should yearely haue take, possesse and enioye, vniued and knytte
to your imperiall crowne for ever, one yearely rent or pension, amounting
to the value of the tenth part of al the reuennues, rentes, sermes, riches, offe-
ringes, emoluments, & of al other profitas as wel called spiritual, as tempo-
rall, than apperteyning, or belongyng, or that hereafter should belonge to
any archbishoppe, bishoppe, abbacy, monastery, priory, archdeaconry,
deanry, hospital, college, house collegiate, prebend, cathedraill church, colle-
giate church, conuentuall church, personage, vicarage, chauntery, free cha-
pell, and other benefyce or promotion spiritual, of what name, nature, or
qualite soeuer they than were, within any diocesse of this your realme, or
in Wales, the sayd pension or annuall rent to be yearely payed for ever to
your maiestie, your heyres and successours kinges of this realme, at the
feast of the natiuite of our lord God, as in the sayd acte more playnly ap-
pereth. And furthermore it was enacted by the sayd auctoryte in the same
parliament, that after a certificate made into your Eschequer, and taxe set
in such maner and foune as by the sayd acte is limited euery archbishop
and bishop than being, and after that to be, should be charged and charge-
able to leuy collect & receyue within their propre diocesse, as well in place
exempt, as not exempt, all such summes of money, wherewith the dignities
benefices, and other promotions spiritual afore named within their dioces-
chargeable by the sayd acte, shuld be set, taxed and charged towarde the
payment of the said yerely pension, and shuld pay and content the said sum-
mes of money befoze the first day of April to the Treasourer of your cham-
ber for the time being, or to any other person or persones whom it shuld
please your highnesse to appoint to receyue the same: and that the Trea-
sourer, Chauncellour, Chamberlayne and Barons of your Eschequer,
shuld cause yerely processe to be made by their discretions for non paymēt
of the said pension and yerely rent, as by the said acte among other thinges
more at large appereth. And forasmuch as sins the making of the sayd
acte, all and singular abbacies, priories, monasteries, and other religious
houses

houses, which were than conventuall, being clearely dissolved and comert
to your hyghnes by auctoryte of parliament, and otherwisse by your labours
wherby the sayd pety rents and pensions, which before that time were
of them severally to be payed, be now not pteable or leivable: And also
that the sayd archbishops and bishops, upon certifiat made into the
sayd eschequer, by reason of the sayd acte made in the sayd xxvi yere of
your reygne, bene charged and chargeable with the sayd pety rents or
pensions of the tenth of diuers and many persons, which were certified in
to your said eschequer by the commissioners assigned to take and craue the
sayd spiritual dignities and promotions, to have perpetuities and chanse-
ries, and other salaries, wher neuer any such chantery or perpetual salary
was founded or ordeined, & many chanteries, and other perpetuities, spiri-
tual than being in esse, ben sing & time utterly dissolved and extincted: And
also many prebendes, personages, and vicarages, bene double certified by
the sayd commissioners, and some certified to bene in places wher none such
be. In rerum natura, and some by wrong names or otherwise miscertified,
and also some partes of the profites and emolumentes, which did than be-
longe to some dignities, personages, vicarages, cathedrall churches, and
collegiat churches, as in parochies, synodales, oblations, & indulgences par-
dons and other profites be now decayed and diminished by sundry menes
and many chanteries and other small promotions spiritual, ben sing that
time decayed and extinguisht, and no priestes thereon, abiding. And also
with the making of the sayd acte, made in the sayd xxvi yere, there have ben
assurances made to your maiestie by some of the said archbishops and bi-
shops, of parcelles of theyr possessions, charged with the sayd rent or pen-
sion and parcell of the sayd possessions charged with the payment of the
sayd yearly rent or pension, ben comt to your handes by other laful mes-
nes. By reason wherof, and of many other causes, doubtis, and ambigu-
ties, which do dayly ryle concerning the premisses, the sayd collectours
can not leup the sayd pety rents or pensions, concerning many promo-
tions or profites spiritual, certified in your sayd Eschequer by the sayd
Commissioners, and yet that notwithstanding the said archbishops and
Bishops, for lacke of sufficient warrant and auctorytie to the barons of
your sayd Eschequer, for theyr discharge in that behalfe, bene greatly pro-
longed and lettred in pelding of their accomptes in your sayd eschequer of
the sayd annuall rent or pension, and put to great costes and charges to
their great inquietnesse, charges, losses and troubles, wher they have no
thing allotted them, or to any of their officers, for the collectings leuyng,
gathering or paying of the sayd annuall rents or pensions to the use of
your hyghnes. It maye therefore please your hyghnes by the assente of the
lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parlia-
ment assembled, and by the auctoryty of the same, that it may be enacted by
thaurtoryty aforesaid that if the said archbishops and bishops or any of
them their deputies or other accomptauntes or any of them that now be

or hereafter shall be chargeable with the collection of the sayde annual
 rent or pension, or of any parte or pencion thereof, and allege by the othe
 of any of the sayd archbishops, bishops, or other accountants, or any
 other person or persons auctoised to account for any of them, before the
 Treasurer, Chauncellour, and barons of your eschequer, or before the
 more part of them, or before such other persons, as it shal please the kynges
 highnes to appoynt to heare the same account, that they or any of them
 for any of the causes abovesaid or for any other sufficient cause or matter,
 by any of them to be alleged, can not or maye not in any wise lawfullye
 leuie such particular summe or summes of money of the sayd annual rent,
 or pension, as they or any of them, now be, or hereafter shalbe chargeable
 and charged with, and no matter apparat ther shewed to the contrary for
 your highnesse by any of your sergeantes at the lawe, or by your attorne-
 ies generall for the time being, or by any other for your maiesty: that the
 your sayd Treasurer, Chauncellour, and barons, or more part of them, or
 such other personnes as shalbe appoynted by the kynges highnes shall by
 vertue and auctoitye of this acte, haue full power and auctoitye by theyr
 discretions to excepte and allowe that allegation, and thereupon thereof
 to discharge the accomptaunt, or elles by theyr discretions to directe the
 kynges writte vnto any of the kynges courtes, for to certifye vnto theym
 the trewth therof. And thereupon the sayd Treasurer, Chauncellour, and
 Barons or the more part of them, or such persons as shal be thereunto ap-
 poynted by the kynges highnes, further to heare and examine the same
 matter and cause by witnessse and depositions of such as can enforme the
 court or the sayd other personnes as shal be thereunto appoynted, by the
 kynges highnesse of the trewth thereof, or by any other wayes and mea-
 nes that they can best deuise: And if nede require to awarde commissions
 by theyr discretions to certayne indifferent personnes in every such dio-
 cesse, where any such matter or cause shalbe alleged without any charge
 asking or taking for the making of the same commissions so to be awa-
 ded, whych sayde Commissioners shal and maye by vertue of theyr
 Commissions, haue full power and auctoitye to examine the same mat-
 ter and cause so alleged by any of the sayde Bishops or other accompta-
 ntes for them, and in theyr discharge by the othes of suche personnes
 as shal haue perfecte notice thereof, or otherwyse, and thereupon to make
 certifiat thereof to the sayd Treasurer, Chauncellour, and Barons, or to
 the more parte of them in the sayd eschequer, or to suche other personnes
 as thereunto shal be appoynted by the kynges highnesse. And vpon cer-
 tificat so made of the sayd matter, or if by any other matter or certifiat
 it shal appeare to the sayde Treasurer, Chauncellour, and Barons, or to
 the more part of them, or to such other personnes as thereunto shal be ap-
 poynted by the kynges highnes, that the sayd matter and the allegations
 thereof, be good and trewe: then the sayd treasurer chauncellour, and ba-
 rons or the more part of them, or the sayd suche other personnes as there-
 vnto

into shalbe appointed by the kinges highnes, correction to make a cleare
and sufficient deduction, allowance, determination and discharge to any of
the sayd archbishops or bishops, and other accompaniers, and to curye of
them, of and for the same, without further suit or delay, with the same al-
lowance and discharge, in case to be entered in that court, there is remaine
of record, and by theis discretions shal be thought requisite from time to
time to be made in this charge, or other discharging of any of the sayd
archbishops or bishops, or other accompaniers, or any of them, or any of the
successors or vicars of any of them in that behalf.

And that it may be further enacted by charter, that in case
be hereafter created by commission or otherwise, by sufficient and proba-
ble witnesses, had and taken before the sayd treasurer, chamberlaine, and
barons, or before the more part of them, or before such other persones as
therunto shal be appointed by the kinges highnes, that any benefice, chi-
treyhol, or any other ecclesiastical promotion is omitted and not specified
or not certified by or in the said original or former certificat: That then
upon due proofe, information knowledg, or certificat therof by any of the
sayd archbishops or bishops, or other wise made or declared before the
sayd treasurer, chamberlaine, or barons, or before the more parte of them,
or before such other persons, as therunto shal be appointed by the kinges
highnes, of any summe or summes of money concerninge the premises so
omitted, or not charged for lacke of knowledg, or certificat therof, wherof
the king ought to be answered. The sayd treasurer, chamberlaine,
and barons, or the more part of them, or such other persones as shal
unto shal be appointed by the kinges highnes, shal make a sufficient
vow therof, to be situated to and with the sayd original of the same
tenor, and thereupon to charge the sayd accompaniers, to make leas and
answer therof, every from henceforth, so that the kinges highnes may
be truly answered therof, from time to time, according to his lawfull title
in that behalf.

It is also by the clergy of the province of Canterbury. Cap. xiii.



Here the prelates and clergy of the province of Canter-
bury have lovingly and liberally for certain considerations, given and granted to the kinges moste auctorite
of foure shillings of the ponde, to be taken and leued of
all and singular theis spiritual promotions within the
same province, during the tyme of two yeeres, now next
ensuinge, in certayne manner and forme, with byuers exceptions and
provisions specified and contained in a certain instrument by them then
made, and delivered unto the kinges highnes: Under the seale of the
archbishoppe of Canterbury, as in the same instrument exhibited in
this present parliament more plainly doth appeare. The tenour wherof
endeth in these wordes.

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¶ The prelates and clergy of the province of Canterbury, collige to remembrance not onely the great libertie and freedom that they have by their deliverance from the yoke and bondage of the blured power of the bishop of Rome, which by the most gracious goodness and divine wisdom of our most high and natural lord the kinges maiesty, is most lawfully and righteously clerely banished and extinguished out of this realme. And that therefore the bishop of Rome craveth not daily most maliciously to synagize how to move his forerunners to take part with him to revenge his sayd most villainous and wrongfull quarrell: but also the great excessive and unreasonable charges which the kinges highnes, both by reason thereof hem at, and is daily, and must continually be betwixt in making of houses, blockhouses, and other towers fortresses, for the defence and tuition of this his realme, and his moste lovinge subiectes in the same: Some of them, some more lovinge tender minde and good will, given and granted, and by these presents do give and graunt unto the bishopps universall a subsidy towards his said charges in manner and forme following, that is to say: That every Archebishop, bishop, deane, archdeacon, monach, priore, provost, maister of college, maister of hospitall, peris, vicar, chaplain, and other gouernours and euery of them, and euery other peris and persons, of what so ever name or degree he or they be, enjoying any spiritual promotion, or other temporall possessions to the same spiritual promotions annexed, now, not deuided or separate by acte of parliament or otherwise, from the possession of the clergy, shal pay to the kinges highnes for euery pound that he may yerely spende by reason of the sayd spiritual promotion, the summe of four shillings sterl. And for the true and certayn knowledge of the yerely values of the sayd promotions and euery of them, whereof the payment should be made, the rate, taxation, valuation and estimation al redy made and certified in the exchequer, for the payment of the perpetual dune, concerning all such promotions as yet remaine in possession of the clergy, or anye other not yet deuided by acte of parliament or other wyse as is aforesayd, shal be folowed and obserued without making any newe valuation rate, taxation, or estimation, other than in the sayd certificat is comprehended.

¶ It is provided also, that inasmuch as the tenth parte of the sayd valuation and tax certified in the exchequer, is yerely paid to the kinges highnes for the perpetual dune, so as there remaineth one ninth parte to the incumbent clere: this subsidy of four shillings of the pound shal be underhand of the sayd partes and no more.

¶ It is provided also, that no person paying full fees, shal be charged with any parte of this subsidy during the first year of that his promotion.

¶ The sayd prelates and clergy also graunte, that this subsidy of four shillings of the pound of the yerely clere value in the promotion taxed as aforesayd, shal be paid to the kinges maiesty within the next fulling the date hereof, at the request of his exchequer, or within any other

within any other

es to be it shal please the kinges highnes to appoint, that is to say, two shillings of every pounce at such dayes and tyme of the yere as the perpetual statute is made by virtue of the acte of parliament ordered to be continued and payed.

¶ The sayd prelates and clergie also graunt, that every priest having a pension by reason of the dissolution of any of the late monasteries, colleges or hospitals, or any other incorporation within the sayd pounce of Canterbury, shal like wise pay to the kinges highnes foure shillings of every pounce of the sayd prisons, within the sayd two yeres. And that for the sure payment thereof, a deduction and retention of the sayd subsidie be made in the handes of the payers of the sayd pension after the proportion of ii s. of the pounce, the of the sayd ii pences to be delivered and payed to the kinges vte at such time and to such person as the subsidie of iii s. shal be payed unto.

¶ The said prelates and clergie further graunt, that every priest receiving any small stipendie, being no perpetuall within the sayd pounce, shal pay to the kinges vte. vi s. viii d. in every of the sayd two yeres, at the same dayes and under the same penalties, as the rest of the clergie do paye for their promotions.

¶ The sayd prelates and clergie also graunt, that every archbishop and bishop, and the sea being vacant every dean and chapter of that sea void shalbe collectors of this subsidie within their propre diocesses, & shal have full power and authority by the kinges maiestie & the parliament to be all such voyces, measures, and process as be prescribed in the acte of perpetual statute for the collecting and levying of the same, and shal accompte thereof before the barons in the kinges exchequer, or in such other place as it shal please the kinges highnes to appointe, in such tyme and after such forme only as the sayd archbishop and bishops be now charged for the collectiō of the perpetual statute: wherby is ment, how the lacke and default of payment of and for any particular promotion, shal only charge the incumbent and such as be bound to pay the same, and that upon such paynes as be provided in that acte of perpetual statute against them that make defaults in this behalfe. And that the archbishop bishop, or deane and chapter gathering that they can receyve, and make the payment thereof, shall for the tyme not by the receyved, be discharged by the certificat made in such forme and facion as in the acte of perpetual statute is limited & prescribed. And ii d. of every pounce, wherewith the collector shalbe charged in his accompte clerely to be paid into the said exchequer, or in such other place as shal please the kinges highnes to appointe. shalbe allowed to the same collector in his sayd accompte of the same, for the charges of collection, postage, sale, carrying and payeing of the sayd subsidie.

¶ It is also always that this subsidie shal not be demanded nor levied out of any benefice or college, priory or vicarage within the universities of Oxenford or Cambridge, or of any benefice or other revenues but only college of Oxenford

Overseers of Cambridge limited and appointed: none of the colleges of the same
 nor any of the colleges of the universities founded by any king or
 any lord or any bishop or any other person: of any church or benefice or other
 revenues to the said colleges or to any of them annexed: appoynted or
 otherwise appoynting: in any case or cases: in any way or ways:

Enacted also and here enacted: that no spiritual promotion or
 any lands or tenements annexed to the same being charged by this statute
 or acts of the province of Canterbury: shall be charged or made contributory
 to any other lands or other subsidies granted to the kinges highnesses of
 the said for the duration of this present parliament or hereafter: to be made
 during the tenure of the said two years.

For certain causes and considerations concerning the debts and debts
 collection and payment of the same subsidies to be had: be it enacted by the
 kinges highnesses by the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal and of
 the commons in this present parliament assembled: and by the authority of
 the same that the said gifts and grant and every matter sum of money
 clause and sentence: in the said instrument contained be ratified establish
 ed and confirmed by the authority aforesaid.

And further more be it enacted by the authority of this present parlia
 ment that every person that shall be appointed to the collection and gather
 ing of the said subsidies shall have full power and authority to levy take
 and receive the same subsidies by any spirit of censures of the church or by
 distress upon the possession of the fermors or owners of the lands and ten
 ements chargeable by this acte to the payment of any summe or summes of
 money: or otherwise by the distress of the collectors thereof: And that no
 replevin prohibition or superseas shall be allowed or obeyed for any pro
 cess or persons making default of payment of the said subsidies: contrary
 to the tenor of the grant thereof: nor shall any such writ as they have truly
 signified and contented at such part and portion as to them in that behalf
 appertaineth. And that in every such fermor or fermours: that shall here
 after fortune to be charged to and with the payment: for any parte of the
 said subsidies: shall by the authority aforesaid: be allowed and receive in
 his hands as much in his yearly service and rent: as the summe which he
 be shall fortune to pay for his land or lands shall extend and amount unto
 to any taking convenient house or other thing had or made to the con
 tract in any way not withstanding: And for the levying of the said sub
 sidie of iii. s. of the pounds: and for the receipt payments which any priest
 or other person or persons: which heretofore have been religious or ca
 nonical for religious persons: as of shall receive at the court of the Archbishops
 touching the chancellor of the same court: for the time being: shall pay
 ly during the said two years: the said summe in his hands or cash
 or be detained or withheld in the hands of other officers and ministers
 of the same court: to the Archbishops: for every pound of the same pen
 ding two shillings and it shall well and truly paid or cause to be paid
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In the said writs or other letters the kinges byshoppes shall appoynte, without any delay or trespasse to be made or suffered in that behalf.

It shal be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every such person or persons which pay or be chargeable to pay any yearly rent or pension to any church, or other person or persons, which herebefore hath bene religious or taken for religious persons chargeable to the payment of the said subsidies, that every such person or persons, which do so pay, hereafter shall pay any of the said yearly rents or pensions or pensions shal be due during the said two yeres, remain in his hand and pay to the kinges byshoppes for every penny of the same yearly rents or pensions two shillings, and the same well and truly pay or cause to be paid yearly during the same two yeres, unto the ordinary of the same diocess, or to the collector of the said subsidies due to the kinges byshoppes but also shall yearly during the same two yeres, before the feast of the Purification of our blessed lady under her or their scale or scales unto the said Exchequer, or els wher it shall please the kinges byshoppes to appoynt, the names and surnames of all and singular such parishes or other persons religious or, herebefore taken for religious persons as is aforesaid and the true yearly rents or pensions which they or any of the be entitled to have or receive yearly as is aforesaid. And that the commissioners for the time being of the kinges courts of the Exchequer of the revenues of the kinges crowne shall before the said two yeres before the said feast of the Purification of our lady, certifye under the scale of the same court, not onely the names and surnames of all and singular parishes and other persons chargeable for their said severall rents and yearly pensions to the payment of the said subsidies in the said Exchequer or els wher it shall please the kinges byshoppes to appoynt, but also the true and just yearly summe and summes of the same yearly rents and pensions with the names and surnames of the persons chargeable to the payment thereof. And that the archbishop and bishopps of every diocess within the said province of Canterbury shall yearly during the said two yeres before the said feast of the Purification of our lady the virgin certifye under his seal into the said Exchequer or els wher it shall please the kinges byshoppes to appoynt the names and surnames of all and singular beneficed parishes being beneficed or beneficed beneficed chargeable to the payment of the said subsidies, as is aforesaid. And also the names and surnames of every such person and persons, which to whom he or they do owe and owe any summe or summes.

It shal be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every such person or persons which within the said two yeres, shall give and pay any summe or summes to any such parish, as is aforesaid shall for the assistance or default of every the same parish or parishes being in default and trespasse with him at the feast of the Innocents of our Lord be charged and chargeable to the payment of the said subsidies for the same yere.

It shal be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the said archbishop

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bishopp bishops and al other persons chargeable to and tolyth collecton of the said subsidie of foure shyllinges the pound within the said prouince of Canterbury, shall haue upon every paiement therof made in the kynges eschequer, or elles wher the kynges maieste shall appoynt a sufficient acquaintance in wrytyng of such person or persons as the kynges maieste shall appoynt for the receipt therof: The same acquaintance witnesseth the receipt of as much of the same summe of the same subsidy as shalbe by any of them so receiued, and every such acquaintance in wrytyng sealed and subscribed with the name or names of every such person or persons that so by the kynges appoyntment, shall receiue any of the said summes of money shalbe as good and effectuell in the law, and also a sufficient discharge to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if it were made by acte of parliament. And that every person and persons, which shal haue and receiue any such acquaintance, shal pay but only .vi. d. for every of the same acquaintances.

Be it also enacted by the auctorite abovesayd, that al and every grant and grantes of al and every summe and summes of money which hereafter shalbe graunted to the kynges highnes by the clergy of the prouince of Worke, shalbe of the same strength force and effect in al thynges as the aforesaid graunte made by the saide prouince of Canterbury and shall be taxed certified collected gathered and leuied accordyng to the tenour forme and effecte of this present acte of parliament to all intentes constructions and purposes, and in such maner as thoughte it were specially plainly and particulary expessed and reherced in this present act by expresse woordes termes and sentences in their severall natures and byndes.

An acte concerning the landes and goodes of the hospitall of saint Iohnes of Jerusalem in England and Ierusalem to be hereafter in the
kynges handes amplyssion Cap. viii.

The lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, hauing credible knowledge that diuers and sundry the kynges subiectes called the knights of the Rhodes otherwise called knights of saint Iohns otherwise called friers of the religion of saint Iohn of Jerusalem in England, and of a lyke house being in Ireland abydng in the parties of beyond the sea, and hauing as well out of this realme as out of Ierlande and other the kynges dominions, verely great summes of money for maintenance of their saynges: have vnnaturally and contrary to the dutie of their allegiaunces sustayned and maintained the usurped power and auctorite of the bishop of Rome, lately bled and martired within this realme and other the kynges dominions, and haue not only ad heredchely felued to the said bishop being common enemy to the kyng our soueraine lord, and to this his realme vntrely byhaldyng, knowlagyng, and affirmyng maliciously and traisterously, the same bishop to be supreme a chiefe heade of Christes church by gods holy word entending thereby to subvert and overthrow the good and godly lawes & statutes of this realme their naturall

natural conduct made and grounded by authority of holy church by the
 most excellent wisdom policy and goodness of the kynges majesty, unto
 the wholsome and content of the realme by a holy thing expulping and
 better extracting of the said usurped power and authority, but also have be
 fained and considered as well the kynges majesty, as diverse men pro
 fessors and other the kynges it to and loving subjects of this realme, for
 their good and goodly proceeding in that behalf have therefore deeply con
 sidered and considered that it be so it is and make a most goodly act of a
 few most royal statute, and the said noble men, knights and esquires of
 this realme, better to expulse and abolish not only from this realme, but
 also from other the kynges dominions the said usurped power and au
 thoritie of the bishop of Rome, and also for superstitious and superstitious reli
 gions in this realme, and other the kynges dominions being his members
 and adherentes having their original creation and foundation by the said
 usurped authority, by expulping wherof goddes holy temple necessary
 increase of vertue and instruction of christian folk is not only purely and
 sincerely augmented and set forth but also the estate of christian and chris
 tian summe of money, treasure exhausted out of the realme, and of other
 the kynges dominions by a colour of the said usurped authority is reman
 ned and taken away, to the irreparable benefit and commodity of a
 kynges loving subjects so the manner of which it should be most dangerous to
 be suffered or permitted within this realme, as in any other the kynges do
 minions any religion being churches, houses and temples of the said sort of
 iniquitie considering also that the use of shabbes, wherby the said reli
 gion take their ordinance and foundation is corrupted by the tithes. And
 that it were and is much better that the possessions in this realme and in
 other the kynges dominions appertaining to the said religion, should ra
 ther be employed and spent within this realme, and in other the kynges do
 minions for the defence and service of a same than converted to a among
 such unchristianal subtleties which have declined not only from their natu
 ral duty of obedience that they ought to bear unto the kyng their sove
 rain lord but also from the good laws and statutes of this realme their
 naturall country daily doing and attempting injury and contrary to that
 they can, to subvert the good and goodly policy, in the which shabbes be a
 god and to our most dread sovereign lord this realme and other the kynges
 dominions now stand in. In consideration wherof the said lords spiri
 tual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled
 most humbly beseechen the kynges most royal majesty that it may be con
 sidered by his highness and by consent of the lordes spiritual and temporal
 and the commons in this present parliament assembled that a cooperation
 of the said religion, as well within this realme, as without the kynges do
 minions & land of Ireland by what so ever name or names that be found
 incorporated or knowne, shalbe better abolished and void to all effe
 cts and purposes. And that six hundred and twenty knights shalbe paye

our of the said religion within this realm of England shall not be named
or called from hence forth more of sancte Iohnes of Jerusalem in Eng-
land but shall be called by his proper name of William de la knight with-
out further addition touching the said religion. And that the same John
Bailon knight, now being prior of Kilmannam in Ireland, shall not be
called or named from hence forth more of Kilmannam in Ireland, but
shall be by his proper name of John Bailon knight without further addi-
on touching the said religion. And that any of the brethren or confidors of
the said religion in this realm of Englande and lande of Irelande shall be
called knights of the Rhodis nor knights of saint Iohns but shall be cal-
led by their owne proper conditio names and surnames of their parents
without any other additions touching the said religion. And be it further-
more enacted by authority of this present parliament
that if the said William de la or any of his brethren or confidors of the
hospital or house of saint Iohn of Jerusalem in England now abiding
and dwelling within this realm of England or any other person or per-
sons being members professed of or in the said hospital now dwelling
within the said realm at any tyme after the first daie of Auguste com-
myng do be or weare within this realm or elles tober in or upon any
apparell of their bodies any signe marks or token heretofore used and ac-
customed or hereafter to be devised for the knowlage of the said religion or
make any congregacions chapters or assemblies touching the same religion
or mainteine supporte be or defende any liberties franchises or pri-
leges heretofore graunted to the said religion by authority of the bishop
of Rome or of the see of the same that than eny of them so offending
shall incurre and runne into the paynes forfeitures and penalties orde-
ned and provided by the statute of provision and primum, made in the
first yere of kyng Richard the second. And if the said John Bailon
knight or any his brethren or confidors of the said hospital or house of
Kilmannam in Ireland or any other person or persons, being members
professed of or in the said hospital of Kilmannam now abiding and dwel-
ling within the said land of Irelande at any tyme after the laste daie of
September next coming do be or weare within this realm, or tober
in the said lande of Irelande or elles tober in or upon any apparell of their
bodies any signe marks or token heretofore used and accustomed or here-
after to be devised for the knowlage of the same religion or make any con-
gregacions chapters or assemblies touching the same religion. or main-
taine supporte be or defende any manner of liberties franchises or pri-
leges heretofore graunted to the same by authority of the bishop of Rome,
or of the see of the same: That than eny of them so offending, shall in-
curre and runne into the paynes forfeitures and penalties, ordeined and
provided by the said statute of provision and primum, made in the first
yere of kyng Richard the seconde.

And be it likewise enacted by authority of this present parliament, that any the knights

of confretes of the said religion being the kynges natural subiectes, which
 not to inhabite abyde and dwell out of any the kynges dominions, at
 any tyme after the firste day of February next commynge do offende in
 any of the articles or offences next above reherced that than every of them
 so offending shal incurre and reune into the paynes forfeitures and pena-
 lities next above remembred.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite abovesaid that the kynges
 maieste his heires and successours, thair heirs and assigns all that hospitall
 mansion house, church, al other houses, edificions buildyngs and gardens
 to the same belonging beinge nere to the cite of London in the countye of
 Midd, called the house of sainte Johnnes of Jerusalem in England and
 also all that hospital church and house of sphynham in the land of Ire-
 land and all and singular castles, houses, manours, moates, landes, te-
 nementes, rentes reuerfions, services, woodes, meadowes, pastures, parks,
 warrennes, liberties, franchises, privileges, personages, tithes, pensions,
 portions, knightes fees, advowsons, commanderies, preceptories, contribu-
 tions, responsions, rentes, titles, entrees, condicions, bouerantes and al o-
 ther possessions and hereditamentes, of what nature, names or qualities
 so ever they be, and wher so ever they be or lye within this realme of Eng-
 land, or within the land of Ireland, or elles wher within any the kynges
 dominions, which appertained or belonged to the said religion or to the
 priours, maiestres or gouernours, knightes or other ministers professed of or
 in the same by the pretence or in the right of the said religion. And all and
 singular goodes, castelles, better, arerages, of rentes and fermes, and al o-
 ther thinges real and personal, what so ever they be, wherof or wherunto
 any of the said priours, brethren or confretes, or persons professed in the
 said religion, can haue nor claime any particular propriete to their owne
 propre use by the rules and statutes of the said religion: To haue and
 to holde the premises and every of them to our said soueraigne lord, and
 to his heires and successours for every to use and enioie by his moeste ex-
 cellent wisdom and discretion, at his owne free wyl and pleasure. And
 that his highnesse shall be bound and aduindged in the real and actual pos-
 session of the premises, by vertue and auctorite of this present act shewing
 to al persons and bodies politike their heires and successours, and the heires
 and successours of every of them, other than the said priour of sainte Johnnes
 of Jerusalem, in England, and the said priour of sphynham, in the
 Land of Ireland, and the brethren of Confretes of every of them, and the
 Successours of every of them, and all and every other persone or persones
 of the said religion, and their successours, and every of them, and the
 successours of every of them, all such ryghts, titles, interestes, possession,
 leasles, grauntes, annuities, fees, offices, custodies, reuerfions, rentes, and
 services, rentes, charges, common ryghts, tytes, entrees, action, petitions,
 portions, portions and all other hereditamentes, of what names, names
 or qualities so ever they be, whiche they haue shoulde haue

had, if this acte had never bene had ne made, any thinge in this acte to the contrary the col notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, by the agreement and assent of the kinges most excellence goodnes, that the sayde William Weston, duringe his naturall lyfe, shall have and enioye to his owne vse out of the premises yerely one annuall rent or pension of one thousande poundes to be payed to him, or his assignes at the feast of saynt Michael tharchaungell, and the annuciacion of oure lady by even porcions, and also shall have to his owne vse suche reasonable porcion of the goodes and catelles appertayning to the same religion as it shall please the kinges maiestie of his most excellent goodnes, to licence and apoynte of the same. And that the sayd John Kaulson knyght shall have and enioy to his owne vse, out of suche possessions as he now hath in England and Irelande, one annuall pension of fyue hundred markes, to be payed to him or to his assignes at the feastes aforesayd by even porcions, and likewise shall have to his owne propre vse such reasonable porcion of the goodes of the sayde religion, as shall please the kinges maiestie of his most excellent goodnes to licence and appoynte for the same. And that Clement West, being one of the confreeres of the sayde religion, shall have and enioye during his naturall lyfe, one annuall pension of .C. pounde. And that Thomas Deniberton, another of the confreeres of the sayd religion, shall have and enioy pearely during his naturall lyfe, one pearely pension of foure score pounde. And that Giles Russel, another of the sayd confreeres, shall have and enioy yerely during his naturall lyfe, one yerely pension of one .C. pound. And that George sylmer another of the sayd confreeres, shall have and enioy yerely during his naturall lyfe one yerely pension of one .C. pound. And that John Sutton another of the confreeres of the sayd religion shall have and enioy pearely during his naturall lyfe, one yerely pension of .CC. li. And that Edward Belingham, another of the confreeres of the sayde religion shall have and enioy yerely during his life naturall, one yerely pension of one .C. pounde. And that Edward Browne, another of the confreeres of the sayde religion shall have and enioy pearely duringe his naturall lyfe, one pearely pension of fiftye pound. And that Edmund Huse, another of the confreeres of the sayd religion, shall have and enioye pearely duringe his lyfe naturall, one pearely pension of one hundred markes. And that Ambrose Cause another of the confreeres of the sayd religion shall have and enioy pearely duringe his naturall lyfe one yerely pension of one .C. markes. And that Thomas copleyke another of the confreeres of the said religion shall have and enioye during his naturall lyfe one yerely pension of fyfte pounde. And that cuthbert Leighton another of the confreeres of the sayd religion shall have and enioye yerely during his naturall lyfe one yerely pension of .x. pounde. And that Rycharde Broke, another of the confreeres of the sayde religion, shall have and enioye yerely during his naturall lyfe, one pearely

perely pension of .C. markes. And that Henry Doole, another of the confre-
res of the sayd religion shall haue and enioy perely duringe his naturall
lyfe one perely pension of .CC. markes. And that William Tyndel, another
of the confreys of the said religion shall haue and enioy perely duringe
his naturall lyfe one perely pension of .xxx. pounde. . And that John New-
son, another of the confreys of the sayd religion shall haue and enioy
perely duringe his naturall lyfe one perely pension of .CC. markes. And
that Anthony Rogers of walde Hallyngeberde James Hub, Thomas
Thornell, Nicolas Hupton, Phylip Babington, Henry Iacob, William
Audenat, Apollas Lambert and David Gonsen beinge confreys pro-
fessed in the said religion and hauing at this present tyme no maner of
certauntie towardes their lyving, shall haue and enioy every of them per-
ely one perely pension of tenne pounde. The saides severall perely pen-
sions to be payed at the feastes of saint Michaele the archaunge and the
Annunciacion of our lady by even porcions, as is aforesaid. And over
this every of the sayd confreys aboue named and mentioned, shall haue
to their owne propre vses inche reasonable porcions of the goodes and
cattaelles being in their handes and possessions, apperteyning to the said
religion as it shall please the kynges maieste to lymitte and appointe to
every of them of the same.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if any the kynges
subiectes being professed in the said religion, be negligently forgotten
or omitted out of this present acte for lacke of knowlege of theyr names
that yet neuer the lesse every of them be forgotten, and not nowe presently
named or remembered, shall haue and enioy suche honest convenient and re-
sonable perely pension and porcion of goodes, as shal please the kynges
maieste to lymitte and appointe in that behalfe.

¶ Provided always that none of the said priours or confreys of the said
religion, shall haue and enioy any of the pensions afove specified except
such of them as be the kynges trewe and faithfull subiectes: Any thing to
this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid that John
Haplesden otherwise called John Haplesden clerke, superior of the said
religion of the said hospital of saint John of Ierusalem in England, Ralph
Ipsam Ernestes clerke maister of the temple of London, Walter Lyn-
ley and John Winter chappleynges there and every of them shall haue
perceiue and enioy duringe their natural lyues all such emansyon bot-
les appendes and wages, and all other profittes of money in as large
and ample maner as they or any of them now lawfully haue the same with-
out let interruption of the kynges our soueraigne lordes his heires or suc-
cessours or any other bys officers or ministers the sayde maister and two
chappleynges of the temple doinge their duties and seruices ther as they haue
accustomed to do.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid that the said William
Doole

William de Weston, and John Rauston and every of the said brethren or conferrers or
foresaid, and the said superior and the said master of the temple, and
their chaplains, and every of them being the king's trew and faithful sub-
jects upon their reasonable suits and petitions, that have sufficient let-
ters patentees of the said several pecy amunties, pensions, manerions, sit-
pendes and wages, and other profits of money to them limited by auc-
torite of this act, under the king's great seal without any fyne or fee to
be paid to the king's use for the same.

And be it further enacted by th'autorite aforesaid that the said brethren
or conferrers of the said religion, and al other obedientes being members
of the said religion shalbe acquitted and discharged of their obedience, wher-
they have bled to bear and geve unto the said William de Weston, or to the
said John Rauston, or to any other of the said religion by the ordinance
by the rules or statutes of the said religion. And that as well the same
William de Weston and John Rauston as the said brethren or conferrers
of the said religion, called knightes, as is aforesaid and every of them be-
yinge the knightes subiectes borne in this realme of Englande, or in the
land of Ireland by elles wher within any the kinges dominions shal
be inhabitable or seuer and be seuered by their own said propre names and
surnames and haue such capacite, and other freedom, libertyes, and
privileges to all intents and purposes in as large and ample maner
howm, facton and condicion as in the first Session of this present par-
liament was ordeined and enacted for religious persons by statutes, or
by statutes, laws, customs, usages, or any other thinge or thinges to the
contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And provided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid that all
privileges of sanctuaries heretofore used or claimed in manshon howses,
and other places commonly called sainte Johnes holde and all other
sanctuaries heretofore used in any place within this realme, or in Ire-
lande, which heretofore hath ben belonging to any of the said hospitalls
shal stande and be utterly void and of none effecte for, or concernyng
any sanctuary, privileges of sanctuaries, there to be hadde or used.
The privileges of commune Churches and churchparches, applied and
used to goddes service, and buralles of christen people, onely excepted.

And be it also enacted by th'autorite aforesaid, that al the said manors
moles landes tenementes and al and singular other possessions privileges
libertes franchises and other hereditamentes granted to the king's may-
esty by this act, shalbe in the surcey rule and governance of the chan-
cellour, and other ministers and officers of the court of chaungementacions
of the revenues of the king's crown in the same maner forme facton and con-
dicion as the possessions of the landes of the abbets monasteries or priors
suppressed or surrendred bene.

And be it also enacted by th'autorite aforesaid that al and every such
person

fruition of the subiectes therof, if rimes should not be the only condition
for the same. The temporal lordes and commons have therefore made their
most humble intercession and petition to the kynges maieste for all man-
ifested, that it might please his highnesse of his accustomed goodness, to
committre the state of his said marriage, with all the circumstances and
dependencie therof vnto the priuies and clergy of this realme, to be let-
tely examined, discussed and determined by them, accordyng to the truth
iustice and equitie, in such wyse as shuld stand wth goddys pleasure, the
honor of his honour and the weith and tranquillite of this realme, to which
most humble suite and petition by rimes was committed and agreed,
and thereupon by his commission vnder his highnesse great seale com-
mitted the examination of his said marriage to the archbischoppes of both
the prouinces of Canterbury and Yorke and to the priuies and clergy
of the same by auctorite wherof the sayd archbischoppes priuies and
clergie have assembled them selves together in their synode and after long
examination and consideration in and vpon the valoure and trustworthynesse
of the said marriage, have resolved declared and defined by great aduise and
deliberation, and by their whol common assent as by an instrument by the
made and exhibited vnto the kynges maieste, vnder the seales of the sayd
archbischoppes, and with the approbations and testimonies of some sun-
drie notables auentures thereto subscribed with their handes and signes
more plainly appereth. The tenour of which instrument hereafter fully
ensueth in the wordes.

To the most excellent most high and mighty prince, and our soveraine
lord Henry the eight kyng of Englands and of Fraunce defender of the
faith, lord of Ireland and supreme head in earth vnder Christ of the church
of England Thomas & Edward by the sufferance of god archbischoppes
of the prouinces of Canterbury and Yorke, with all reuerente honour &
due subiection health and felicitie to here as your most excellent maieste
at the instances and requeste of the nobles and commons of your noble re-
alme, hath by your graces letters commissionallies, dated the xxv day of
July, the xxiiij yere of your reigne, committed vnto us and other our bre-
thren, bisshops of both prouinces together with the braynes archdeacons
and clergie of the same communite and apart that we should by mature de-
liberation discuss the case of matrimony which betwene your most excel-
lent maieste & the noble ladie Anne of Cleues, is many wayes honourfull
and perplexed. And should furthermore determine what we thought true
and iuste and what your maieste might do in the same and that we should
signifie vnto your highnesse in a writing autenticke what we had thought
therin, as in the sayde letters is contained more evidently and at large.
We therefore both in our owne name and in the name of our said brethren
the bisshops and the clergie have thought good to signifye to your most ex-
cellent maieste, and do signifye by these presentes that we and our said bre-
thren bisshops of both prouinces together with the braynes archdeacons
and

and clergy assembled by virtue and strength of your graces, said letters
 conditionalis and congregata to make a decree provincial of this realm
 after we had herbe examined heard and discussed such charges as have
 ben proponed alledged affirmed and proved unto us here with a common
 and general assent and consent of al and singular doctors and determiners
 your maieste not to be bounde by the said pretended marriage, which is of
 it selfe naught and of no force so as your maieste without taking any
 other judgement make with the auctoritie of your church as your pleasure
 and arbitre contract and consummate matrimonie with any person not
 prohibited by goddes lawe to contract with your highnes the said pre-
 tended marriage with the lady Anne notwithstanding And that likewise
 the said lady Anne, notwithstanding the pretended marriage, with your
 highnes which we determine to be no obstacle, may at his pleasure contract
 matrimonie with any other person not forbidden to contract with his by
 goddes lawe. And such determination made by us and the whole clergy we
 witness profite and assure, like as also they with us have witnessed pro-
 fessed and with subscription of their names confirmed to be true just pure
 and honest proceding from the sincere judgement of our conference. To
 the execution of which determination the said clergy, both with us moste
 perfectly wholly and effectually assented and consented like as we aforesayd
 consent and assent by these presents.

¶ And the said lady Anne, being advertised by certayne noble men, of
 the request of the nobilitie and commons made to the kynges highnes, to
 committe the examination diffinition and determination of his graces ma-
 riage with the same lady Anne to the archebysshoppes byshoppes and clergy
 byd then of his owne free wyll, assent and consent therunto and moreover
 sithens that tyme having knowlage and clere understandinge of the reso-
 lution diffinition and determination with the particularities thereof made
 by the said archebysshoppes byshoppes and clergy both in presence of certayne
 noble men, as the same noble men have openlie in this court of parlia-
 ment testified and declared not only trewely confessed and knowledged
 amonge other circumstances that he remaineth not carnally knowen of
 the kynges highnes bodie but also hath agreed and fully submitted his
 selfe to the same determination, as to a thing purely trewely, truly in
 differently, and honourable don diffined and determined by the said arch-
 byshoppes byshoppes and clergy. And his said confession and agreement he
 hath also signified by a letter subscribed with his owne hands wherby the
 letter and instrument hath ben openly red declared and published to sayd
 lords and commons in this present parliament assembled, in both houses
 of the sayd parliament. In consideration whereof the said lordes spiri-
 tual and temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled
 moste humbly beseechen the kynges moste excellent maieste that it maye
 be affected declared and enacted by auctorite of this present parliament as
 wel for the surete and certainty of his highnes posteritie and succession as
 for

to the wealth, quietness, rest and tranquillity of this realm, that marriage between his highness and the lady Anne of Clèves, is hereby made of no force, value, or effect. And that his highness is at his liberty and pleasure to contract matrimony and marry with any other woman, not prohibited by the laws of God to marry with his highness. And that the said lady Anne, notwithstanding the said pretended marriage between the king's majesty and the said lady Anne, at her liberty and pleasure may contract matrimony and marry with any other person, not prohibited by the laws of God to marry with her. And that such marriage which by king's majesty becometh lawful and consummated with any woman not prohibited by the laws of God to marry with his highness, & the posterity and issue thereof procured of such marriage shall be good, pure, perfect and lawful, the said pretended marriage between his highness and the said lady Anne, of any other thing or things to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. And that the said lady Anne, shall not be named and called to honor, reverence, nor in any other the king's dominions nor elsewhere the king's realm, nor queen of this realm. And that all letters patents made by his highness unto the said lady Anne, in consideration of the said pretended marriage for her dowry and jointure, at other wise, be void and of none effect.

¶ And be it also enacted by this statute above sayd, that if any person or persons of what estate degree dignity or condition soever be or they be, at or after the first day of September next coming, by writing or imprinting or by any other external act, word, or deed, directly or indirectly accept or take aid or be the said pretended marriage, had between his majesty and the said lady Anne of Clèves, to be good, lawful, or of any effect. Or by words, writing, printing, deed or act procure or do, or cause to be procured or done, any thing or things, so or for the interruption repeal abolition of this act, or of any thing therein contained: That then every such person or persons, of what estate degree or condition soever be or they be, and their aidours counsellours maintainours and abettours, and every of them, for every such offence before specified, shall be adjudged high treason and every such offence shall be adjudged high treason, and the offenders therein, their aidours counsellours maintainours and abettours, and every of them, being lawfully convicted of any such offence by presentment before confession or process, according to the customs and laws of this realm, shall suffer pains of death, as in cases of high treason. And that also every such offender, being convicted as is aforesayd, shall lose and forfeit to his highness, and to his heirs and successors kings of this realm, all such manors, lands, tenements, reeves, reversiones annuities and hereditamentes, which they had in possession as owners, or were sole leased of by or in any right, title, or manner, or any other person or persons had to their use of any estate of inheritance at the day of such treasons and offences by them committed and done. And shall also lose and forfeit to his highness, and to his said heirs, as well all manner such estate of freeholders and interest for

peres of landes and tenementes as all other goodes castalles and detent
whiche they had at the tyme of their conviction or attender of any such of
fence. Shewing alwaies to every such person and persons and bodies po-
litike and their heires assignes and successours, and to the heires and suc-
cessours of every of them, other than suche persons as shall be so convicted
and attainted and their heires and successours & al other elating to their
lives, al such right title vie interest possession condition rentes fees offices
annuities and commons which they or any of them shall have in or upon
any suche manors landes tenementes rentes annuities or hereditaments
that shall so happen to be lost and forsaite by reason of any conviction or at-
tender for any the treasons and offences above rehearsed at the tyme of the
saide treasons and offences committed, or at any tyme after.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that al
and singular the kynges loving subiectes, which have spoken done prac-
tised committed attempted or procured to be doone or attempted directly
or indirectly by wordes writings printinges or any exteryor act or actes,
thing or things what so ever it be, against the mariag solemnised between
the kyngs maiestie and the said lady Anne, or for the setting forth or prefer-
ment of the dissolution therof, or against the person of the said lady Anne,
or his estate or dignite which she pretendeth by reason of the said mariag
or have don any thing or thinges act or actes or spoken written or im-
printed any wordes, or procured to be doon any thing or thinges act or actes or
any wordes to be spoken writte or imprinted contrary or against the said
mariage, or any dependences therof which might be taken demed or in-
terpreted for treason or misprision of treason by any construction, by ver-
tue of any estatutes of this realme hertofore made, shalbe frely and clerely
pardoned discharged and released by auctorite of this acte of al those and
such treasons, & misprisions of treasons above mencioned. And that none of
his sayd loving subiectes for any of the said treasons or misprision of treason
above mencioned, & specified, shal hereafter at any tyme by any manner of me-
nes be impeched vexed or troubled, but viterly discharged therof for ever,

¶ An acte concearning true opinions and declaracion of Churche religion. Cap. xxi



Whether the kynges royal maiestie of his blessed and graci-
ous disposicion, lyke as his highnes is our soueraigne
liege lord and supreme head of the church of England so
by his grace taketh the care and sollicitud therof most dy-
ligently forseeving and promouing all that can be to
the quiet unyon conoord prosperitie welth & furtherance
of the same considering also that no thing so much troubleth the common
welth and hindereth quiet and conoord as diuersyte in opinions and
beleue specially in thynges that concerne almyghty god and his religi-
on. And of his prudence and wisedome well watynge that out of sun-
dry our ward partes and places there haue sprung ben sown, and set forth
diuerso hypocritall erroneous and dangerouse opinions and doctrines in
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the religion of Christ wherby som of his graces liege people might be not only disquietted and moued to variances strifes commocions or sedicions among them selves to the vtter destruction and vndooring of them selves, and of their whole posteritie for euer but also enduced & allured to vnfaythfulnesse misbelene misreuerence and contempt of god to the vtter confusion and damnacion of their soules onelesse by his maiesties prouidence some good remedy shuld be ordeyned for the same hath of his bountifull royall clemencie therfore appointed established and ordeyned churchbishops & sundry bishops of both prouinces of Canturburie & Yorke within this his realme, and also a great numbere of the best lerned honestest and most vertuous sorte of doctours of diuinitie men of discrecion iudgemente and good disposicion of this said realme to theent that accordyng to the very gospel and lawe of god, without any parciall respecte or affection to the papistlicall sorte or any other secte or sectes what so euer they be thei shuld declare by wrytyng and publishe as well the principall articles pointes of our faith and beleue with the Declaracion true vnderstandyng and obseruation of such other expedient pointes as by them with his graces aduise counsaile and consent shalbe thought nedeful and expedient: And also for the lausfull rites ceremonies and obseruacions of goddes seruice withi this his graces realme, and for as much as the true diffinition determination and declaracion therof requireth ripe and matur deliberacion and aduise, & that so high and godly chinges maie not rashely be deuined determined and set forth nor be strictely or restrained to this present session or any other session of this parliament but from tyme to tyme be diffined determined concluded and published, as the case shall requyre and as his maieste with the aduise of his most honourable counsaile and such as his highnes hath appointed, or shal from tyme to tyme appoynt to the same shal thinke most conuenient. Be it therefore enacted ordeyned and established by his highnes maieste with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal and commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctorite of the same that al and euery determinacions declaracions decrees diffinitions resolutions and ordinances as accordyng to goddes worde and Christes gospel, bi his maiestes aduise and confirmacion by his letters patentes vnder his graces great seale shal at any tyme hereafter be made sette forth declared decreed diffined resolved and ordeyned by the said archbishops bishops and doctours now appoynted or other persons hereafter to be appoynted by his royall maieste or els by the whole clergy of England in and vpon the matter of Christes relygion and the churche faith and lausfull rites ceremonies and obseruacions of the same, shal be in all and euery poynt lymitacion and circumstance therof by all his graces subiectes and other resiantes and inhabitants within this his graces realme and other his graces dominions fully beleued obeyed obserued and perfourmed to all purposes ententes constructions and enterpretacions vpon the peyns and penalties therein to be comprised, as if the same determinacions declaracions

ons, decrees, diffinicions, resolucions and ordinaunces and euery of them with the peynes and penalties compysed, had ben, were, or should be by expresse wordes termes, and sentences plainly and fullie made set forth declared reherfed and conteyned in this present acte: any vs., custome or statute heretofore had, vsed, obserued, or accustomed to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

It is ordained alwayes that nothing shal be done, ordeined, diffined or provided by auctorite of this acte, which shalbe repugnant or contrariant to the lawes and statutes of this realme, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

The resumption of extra ordinary grauntes and licences of absence and reuercions in the towne of Calers, and the marches of the same, and in Berkeleys and of the Heritables for life in Wales. Cap. xxi.

Where dyuers of the kynges subiectes by their sinister and subtil informacion and meanes haue heretofore had and obtayned of the kynges maiesty as well by letters patentes as by bylles and warrantes assigned by his graces hande, dyuers grauntes for terme of lyfe, and liues, of dyuers offices fees wages, and other profitis being extra ordinary, and not the ordinary offices fees, wages, or profitis, of the garysons within the townes of Calers, guines, Hammes, Raydhanke, and the marches of the same, and in the towne of Barwyke. And haue likewise obtayned of the kynges highnes dyuers especial warrantes and licences for to be absent and non resident in and upon the ordinary offices, within the sayd townes and marches. And tohere also dyuers the kynges subiectes of theyr sinister and subtil meanes haue likewise obtayned of the kynges maiesty for terme of lyfe and liues, dyuers grauntes unto them made by the kynges graces letters patentes of dyuers offices of heritables which within the kynges dominion of Wales contrary to the comyn welth of the countrey there, not only to the great unfurthe of the sayd townes and places aboue reherfed, but also to the great disquietyng, vexacion, and trouble of the kynges louing and obedient subiectes. For reformation wherof be it enacted, ordeined and established by the auctorite of this present parliament, that all and singular such letters patentes warrantes, and licences, heretofore graunted or made by the kynges maiesty to any person or persons, as is aforesayd, and euery of them, shal by the auctorite aforesayd from and after the first day of September next commyng, be clearly voyd, frustrate, and of none effecte to all intentes constructions and purposes. And also that al and singular grauntes of the reuersion or reuercions of any office or offices of the townes aboue reherfed and marches of the same, shal by the auctorite aforesayd, be likewise voyd, frustrate and of none effect to all intentes and purposes.

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An acte that lessees shall enioye thei? fermes agaynst tenantes in taylor, or in the
 ryght of thei? wyues, or churches. &c. Cap. xxviii.



Where great numbꝛe of the kynges subiectes haue hereto-
 fore taken leases of landes, tenementes, and other heredi-
 tamentes for terme of yeaꝛes, and diuers of theym for
 terme of lyfes, and haue geuen and paid great fines and
 great summes for the same, & also haue ben at great costes
 and charges as wel in and about great reparacions & buil-
 dynges vpon thei? sayd fermes as other wise, concerninge their saide fer-
 mes: Yet notwithstanding the sayd fermours, after thei? deathes or re-
 signacions of their lessours, haue bene and be dayly with great crueltye
 expelled, and put out of thei? sayd fermes and takings, by the heires or
 successours of thei? sayd lessours, or by such persons as haue interest therein,
 after the deathes or resignacions of thei? sayd lessours, by reason of pꝛyue
 giftes of entayle, or for that the lessours had nothyng in the landes, tene-
 mentes, or other hereditamentes so letten, at the tyme of the leasing therof
 made, but onely in the ryght of their wyues, or such other like cause, to the
 greut impouerishment and in maner better vndoing of the sayd fermours
 For reformation wherof, be it ordeined established and enacted by þe king
 our soueraine lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons
 in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that
 all leases hereafter to be made of any manors, landes, tenementes, or other
 hereditamentes by wytyng indented vnder seale for terme of yeaꝛes, or
 for terme of lyfe by any personne or personnes, begyn of full age of one and
 twenty yeaꝛes, hauing any estate of inheritaunce either in fee simple, or
 in fee taylor, in thei? owne ryght or in the ryght of thei? churches or wy-
 ues, or ioyntly with their wyues, of any estate of inheritaunce made before
 the couerture or after, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe, against the
 lessours, thei? wyues, heires, and successours, and euery of them, accordyng
 to such estate as is compassed and specified in euery such indenture of lease
 in like maner and forme as the same should haue bene, if the lessours
 therof, and euery of them, at the tyme of the making of such leases had ben
 lawfully seised of the same landes tenementes and hereditamentes com-
 prised in suche indenture, of a good perfecte and pure estate of fee simple
 therof to thei? owne only vse.
 It is pꝛouided alwaies, that this acte nor any thinge therein contayned shall
 not extend to any leases to be made of any manors, landes, tenementes
 or hereditamentes being in the handes of any fermour, or fermours by
 vertue of any olde lease, vnles the same olde lease be expyred surrendꝛed,
 or ended within one yeaꝛe next after the making of the said new lease, nor
 shal extend to any graunte to be made of any reuertion of any manors
 landes tenementes or hereditamentes, nor to any lease of any manors
 landes tenementes or hereditaments which haue not most commonly ben
 letten

letten to ferme or occupied by the fermours thereof by the space of xx. yeres next before such lease thereof made, nor to any lease to be made, without impeachment of waste nor to any lease to be made about the number of one and twentieth partes of the tyues at the most from the date of making thereof And that bypon every such lease ther be reserved pecyly durynge the same lease dewte and payable to the lessours their heyres and successours to whom the same landes shoulde have comen after the deathe of the lessours if no suche lease hadde ben thereof made and to whom the reuerſion thereof shall appertain according to theyr estates and interestes so much pecyly ferme or rente or moys, as hath bene most accustomably yelden or payed for the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes so to be letten within .xx. yeres next before such lease thereof made and that every such person and persons, to whom the reuerſion of suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes so to be letten, shall appertain, as is aforesaid after the deathe of such lessours or their heires shal and may have such lyke remedie and auantage to all euentres and purposes, agaynst the lessers thereof theyr executors and assignes as the same lessour shoulde or myght have had against the same leasees. So that yf the lessour were leased of any especiall estate tye of the same hereditamentes, at the tyme of such lease that the issue or heire of that speyall estate, shall have the reuerſion, rentes, and seruices reserved bypon suche lease after the deathe of the said lessour, as the lessour hym self might or ought to had, if he had lived.

Counded also that the wife be made partet to every such lease which here after shal be made to hir housband of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes beyng the inheritauce of the wyfe, and that every such lease be made by indenture in the name of the housband and his wyfe and she to seale to the same: And that the ferme and rente be reserved to the housband and to the wyfe, and to the heyres of the wyfe according to hir estate of inheritauce in the same. And that the housbands shall not in any wyse alen discharge graunte, or geue away the same rente reserved nor any parte thereof longer than durynge the couerture without it be by syne leued by the said housband and wyfe: But that the same rent shall remaine, descend reuerſe, or come after the deathe of such housband unto suche person or persones, and their heyres in such maner and sorte, as the lands so leased shuld have done if no suche lease had thereof bene made.

Counded also that this acte extend not to geue any libertie or power to any person or persons to take any new fermes leases or takynge of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, than he or she shuld or myght lawfully have doone before the making of this acte: nor extend to geue any libertie or power to any person or byear of any church or byearage for to make any lease or graunt of any their messuages landes tenementes tythes, profits, or hereditamentes belonging to their churchs

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or vicarages, other wyse or in any manner, than they shoulde or myght haue done before the making of this acte, Any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde that all leases at any tyme within the space of thre yerres nexte before the xii. dayes of April, and in the .x. x. i. yeres of our soueraigne lord the kynges reygne, made by writyng ended under seale by any persone or persons of full age of whole memorie, not vnlawfully coercted nor beyng couerte baron for terme of yerres of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, wherof the lessours or lessours wer seald of an estate of inheritance of and in the same to their ownonly vso at the tyme of makinge any such lease therof and wherof the leases their executors or assignes be now in possession by vertue of the same estate, and no cause of reentre or forfeiture ther of had or made shall be good and effectuell in the lawe against the lessours their heirs and successours and the heyres and successours of euery of theim accordyng to the covenantes articles and agreements specyfied in euery such indenture of lease. So alwayes ther be reserved and payable during the same lease, to the sayde lessours their heyres or successours or to such other as should or ought to haue hadde the same manours landes tenementes, or hereditamentes so leased after the deceasse of such lessours in case no such lease hadde therof bene made as muche yerely rente for the same as was at any tyme therfore yelden or payed within .xx. yeres next before the making of any suche lease or elles such leases to be of no other force ne effect than they were before the making of this present acte.

¶ And moreover for certayne considerations be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that no fine feoffement or other act or actes hereafter to be made suffered or done by the husband onely, of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, being the inheritance or freehold of his wife, during the coverture betwene them, shal in any wise be or make any discontinuance therof, or be prejudicial or hurtful to the sayd wife or to her heirs or to such as shal haue right title or interest to the same by the death of such wyfe or wyues: But that the same wife or her heyres and suche other, to, whom such right shal appertaine after her decease, shal and maye then lawfullye entree into all such manours, landes tenementes, and hereditamentes accordyng to their rightes and titles therein, any such fine feoffement or other act to the contrary notwithstanding: fines leuied by the husbände and wyfe (wherunto the sayd wife is partie and priuie) onely except.

¶ Provided furthermore, that this clause or acte extend not to geue any libertie to any such wife, or to her heyres, for to auoyde any lease hereafter to be made of any thenheritance of the wife by her husband or her for terme of xii. yerres, or vnder, or any her inheritance for terme of thre liues at the bittermoste, wherupon as much yerely rent or more is or shal be reserved, and yerely payable during the same lease, as was at any tyme therfore yel-

den or payed within .xx. yeres nexte before the making of any suche lease accordyng to the tenour of this present acte any thing therein conteyned to to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ It is ordeined also that this act extend not to make good any lease or leases heretofore made by any ecclesiasticall persone or persones by theyr couent or common seale, whiche be made voyde or taken away by auctorite of any acte of parliament heretofore made nor extende to make good any lease or leases heretofore made by any ecclesiasticall perso or persons now being attainted of treason vnder their couent seale or otherwyse or by any other person or persons now beyng attainted of treason by acte of parliament or otherwyse: But that all and singular suche lease and leases and e uery of them now made or hereafter to be made, shal be of such like effect and strength in the law and none other as thei and eury of them wer be fore the making of this act: any thing before mencioned in this act to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ In acte concernyng custonable landes in Oswoldebecke soke. Cap. xxix

BE it enacted ordeyned and established by the king our so ueraigne lord, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall & temporall and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all meases landes tenementes and other hereditamentes beyng gyl dable, sette lyng and beyng totyhin the lordeshyppe and soke of Oswaldebecke otherwile Oswaldebecke soke within the countie of Northampton wherof any personne or personnes be now seised in posses sion reuerfion or in remainder in fee simple or fee tayle which be pretended by a custome there to be partible betwene and amongst heires males shal from hence forth be clerely changed from the sayd custome, and in no wyse hereafter be departed or departible by any custome ther amonges and betwene heires males, but shal remaine reuert abide discede come and be after and accordyng as meases landes tenementes and other here ditamentes do or mai discede remaine reuert abide come or be accordyng to the common law of this realme, and in lyke maner to discede and be dis cendable remaine auert come and be inheritable to the heire or heires after and accordyng to the said common law of this realme of Englande: and that al and singular the said meases landes tenementes and hereditamen tes shal from henceforth be accepted taken inherited demed and adiudged to be lyke as landes tenementes and other hereditamentes at the comon law of this realme and in such maner and fourme as if the same meases landes tenementes and other hereditamentes had neuer bene departed or departible betwene and amongst heires males. Any lawe vsage or custome totyhin the said lordshyp or soke heretofore had accepted or vied to y con trary therof not withstanding.

Whereas as much as the partie plaintites and demaundantes in al maner of actions and suites as well reall as personal at the common law of this realme, before this tyme have ben greatly delaied and hindered in their suites and demaundes by reason of the craftye subtil and negligent pledynges of the sayd plaintifes or demaundantes, defendantes or tenants wher any action or demand hath bene sued had or made as well in ministring of their declarations and barres, as also in their replycatyons, rejoinders, rebutters, ioyning of issues, and other pledynges to the great hurt delaie and hynderance of the sayd playntifes or demaundantes or to the veracion of the defendantes or tenants In so muche that whan the issues ioyned in the same actyons betwene the parties to the same hath ben tried and found by the verdyte of .xiiij. or mo indifferent persons for the said plaintifes or demaundantes or for the tenants or defendantes, and the Justices redy to geue iudgemente for the saide parties, whom the sayd issue was found: The same parties have ben compeilled by the court and order of the common law of this realme afore this tyme, to replade and the sayd verdytes so geuen as is afore rehersed to be taken as boyd and of non effect somtyme because þ issues have ben mistopned and ioyfayle and somtyme by takyng auantages of the parties owon mispleadyng or in the pursuyng miscounceyng or discontynuing of proces of any of the partis and for diuers other causes the which is thought as well a great sclander to the sayd common lawe of thys realme, and to the ministers of the same as also a plaine delaie and hynderaunce vnto the said parties in that they shuld not have their iudgementes whan the issue hath bene found and tried as is aforesayd, to their great costes and charges. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in thys present parlyamente assembled, and by the auctorite of the same that from henceforth if any issue be tryed by the othe of twelve or mo indifferent men for the partie plaintife or demaundant, or for the partie of the tenant or defendante, in any maner of action or suite at the common lawe of this realme in any the kynges courtes of recorde that et an the Justice and Justices by whom iudgement therof ought to be geuen, shall procede and geue iudgement in the same any mispleadyng lacke of colour insufficient pledyng or ioyfayle any misconceyng or discontynuaunce or mistounceyng of proces mistopnyng of the issue lacke of warrant of attourney of the partie against whom the same issue shall happen to be tried or any other default or negligence of any of the parties their counsellours or attourneys, had or made to the contrary not withstanding the said iudgementes therof so to be hadde and geuen shall stande in full strength and force to all intentes and purposes accordyng to the said verdyte, without any reuersell or vndooring of the same by writte of error or of faulse iudgemente in lyke fourme as thoughe no suche default or negli

negligence had never ben had or committed.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the authority aforesayd in avoyding of errors and other great inconveniences that dayly do fortune to ryse and growe in the kynges courtes of recorde at westm. through the negligence of attourneyes, because they deliver not their warrantes of attourney in such actions and suites wherein they be named attourney, according to the lawes of this realme, that all and every such personne and persons, whych shal fortune hereafter to be attourney to or for anye other person or persons, beyng demaundant or plainetife, tennaunte or defendaut in any action or suite, at any time hereafter commenced or taken, in any of the kynges sayd courtes, and pleade to any issue in the same action or suite: That then the same attourneyes, and everye of theym from time to time, shal deliver or cause to be delivered his or theyr sufficient and lawful warrant of attourney, to be entred of recorde so: every of the sayde actions or suites, wherein they be named attourneyes, to the officer or his deputie, ordeined for the receipt and entering thereof, in the same term whan the sayd issue is entered of recorde in the sayd courte, or afore upon payne of forseyting into our sayde soueraygne lordes tennis poundes sterl. for every default for none deliverynge of the sayd warrant of attourney. And also further to suffer such imprisonment as by the discrecion of the iustices of the court for the time being, where any such default shal fortune, to be had or made, shalbe thought convenient: This present acte woth the prouiso to endure til the last day of the next parliament.

An act for the avoyding of recoveries by collusion by tenants
for terme of life. Cap. xxv.



¶ Here diuers persons being seased of landes tenementes, and hereditamentes as tenants by the courtse of Englande, or otherwyle for terme of lyfe or liues, haue heretofore permitted and suffered other personnes by agreement or couline betwene them had, to reconer the same landes and tenementes, and other hereditamentes agaynst the same particular tennautes in the kynges courte, by reason wherof those persons, to whom the reuerpon or remainder therof hath belouged, haue after the deathes of the same particular tennautes ben dynen to their actions for the reconstituance and obteynynge of the sayd landes and tenementes so recouered, to their great and importable charges costes and expenses, and sometime haue ben clerely disherited of the same, to their manifest iniury and wrong in that behalfe. For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the king our soueraygne lord, woth the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all such recoveries hereafter to be had or prosecuted by agreement of the parties or by coulin as is aforesayd, agaynst any such particular tennaunt, of anye landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, wherof the same particular tenant is

or hereafter shal be leased as tennant by the curtesy of England, tenant in
 tale after possibility of issue extincte, or otherwise for terme of yse, shal
 from henceforth, as agaynst such person or persons, to whom the reuerſion
 or remainder thereof shal then appertayne, and agaynst theyr heires and
 successours be clearely and utterly void and of none effect, any lawe or
 usage heretofore had to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstandinge
 Provided alway that this acte nor any thing therein contayned shal
 extend or be prejudicial to any person or persons that shal hereafter by good
 title recover any landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, without fraud or
 couene agaynst any suche particular tennante, as is before mentioned by
 reason of any former ryght or title, nor to auoide any recovery hereafter, to
 be had agaynst anye such particular tennant by thassent and agrement of
 those in the reuerſion or remainder, so that the same assent and agrement
 do appere of record in the kinges court, but that all and euerye suche reco-
 uery and recoveryes, so to be had or prosecuted vpon former ryghtes or
 titles, or by thassentes or agrementes of those in the reuerſion or remain-
 der appearing of recorde as is aforesayd, shal stande and be in like force
 strength and effect, as they were before the making of this acte: any thing
 herein conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

An act concerning iointtenantes for terme of life or yeares.

Wheras much as in the parlyament begonne at westm. the eyght and
 twenty daye of Aprill, and there continued till the xxviii. daye of
 June the xxi. yere of the kinges most noble and victorious reign
 that now is. It was amonges other thinges there enacted and
 establiſhed, that all ioynt tenantes and tennantes in comunen, that then
 were or hereafter shuld be of any estate or estates of inheritance in theyr
 owne ryghtes or in the right of their wyfes of any manors, lades tenementes
 or hereditamentes within this realme of England, wales or marches of the
 same, shal & may be coacted and compelled by vertue of the sayd act, to make
 particion betwene the of al such manors, landes tenementes, & heredita-
 mentes as they thā held or hereafter shoulde holde as iointtenantes or te-
 nantes in comun, as more plainly at large appereth by the said statute. And
 forasmuch as the said statute doth not extend to iointtenantes & tenants
 in comun for terme of yse or yeres nother to iointtenantes & tenants in
 comun wher one or som of them haue but a partycular estate for terme of
 yse or yeres, & the other haue estate or estates of inheritance of & in any
 manors landes tenementes & hereditamentes. Be it therefore enacted by
 the kyng our soueraine lord, and by thassent of the lordes spiritual & tem-
 porall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the
 auctorite of the same that al ioynte tenantes and tenants in comun &
 euery of them which now hold or hereafter shal holde iointely or in com-
 mon for terme of yse yere or yeres, or iointtenantes or tenants in comun
 wher

wher one or some of them have or shall have estate or estates for terme of lyfe or yerres with the other that have or shall have estate or estates of inheritance or freehold in any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes shal and may be compelleable from henceforth by writ of partition to be pursued out of the kynges courts of Chancery upon his or their case or cases to make severaunce and partition of al such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, which they holde jointly or in common for terme of lyfe or yerres yere or yerres wher one or some of them hold jointly or in common for terme of lyfe or yerres with other, or that have an estate or estates of inheritance or freehold.

¶ Provide also and be it enacted that no such partition nor severaunce hereafter to be made by force of this acte be nor shalbe prejudicial or hurtfull to any person or persons their heires or successours or other than suche whych be parties unto the said partition their executors or assignes.

¶ That wrongfull disseyn is no descent in the lawe. Cap. xxviii



Wher dyvers personnes of thefe insatiable myndes have heretofore, by strengthe and without tye entered into manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes & wrongfully disseased & rightful owners and possessours therof and so being seased by disseyn have therof dyed seased by reason of which dying seased & disseyned or, such other persons as before such descent might have lawfull entered into the said manours landes and tenementes were and be thereby clerely excluded of their entre into the said manours landes and tenementes and put to their action for their remedy and recovery therein to their great costes & charges for reformation wherof be it enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that the dying seased hereafter of any such disseasour of or in any manours lands tenementes or other hereditamentes having no right or tye therein shal not be taken or deemed from hence forth any suche descent in the law, for to tolle or take away the entre of any such person or persons or their heires which at the time of the same descent had good and lawfull tye of entre into the said manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, Except that such disseasour hath had the peaceable possession of such manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes wherof he shal so be seased by the space of fyve yerres next after the disseyn therein by him committed without entre or continuall claime by or of such person or persons as have lawfull tye therunto.

¶ An acte concerning grauntes of reversiones to take advantage of the conditions to be performed by the lessee. Cap. xxix

Where before this tyme dyverse, as well temporal as ecclesiasticall and religious personnes have made sundry leases demises and grauntes to diverse other persons of sundry manours lordshippes tene

termes meates landes tenementes medowes pastures or other heredita-
 mentes for terme of lyfe or lyfes or for terme of yeres by writing vnder
 their seale or seales concerning certain condicions covenantes and agree-
 mentes to be performed as wel on the parte and behalfe of the said les-
 sees and grauntours their heyres and successours, And forasmuch as
 by þe comon lawe of this realme no stranger to any covenant action or con-
 dition shal take any advantage or benefite of the same by any meanes or
 waies in the law, but only such as be parties or parties therunto by þe rea-
 son wher of as well all grauntours of reuerfions as also all grauntours and pa-
 tentes of the kyng our soueraigne lord of sundry manors lordships gran-
 ges termes meates landes tenementes medowes pastures or other heredi-
 tamentes late belonging to monasteries and other religious and ecclesi-
 astical houses dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfayred geuen
 by or by other meanes come to the handes and possession of the kings ma-
 jestie sith the fourth daie of february the xxii. yere of his most noble rein-
 be excluded to haue any entre or action against the said lessees and graun-
 tees their executors or assignes which the lessors before that time might
 by the law haue had against the same lessees for the breach of any condition
 covenante or agreement comprised in the condempnes of their said leases
 dimisses and grauntours, Be it further enacted by the kyng our soueraigne
 lord the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present
 parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same that as well al and e-
 uery person and persons and bodies politike their heires successours and
 assignes, which haue or shall haue any gift or grant of our said soueraigne
 lord by his letters patentes of any lordshippes manors landes tenementes
 rentes personages tythes pions or any other hereditamentes or of any
 reuerfion or reuerfions of the same which did belong and appertain to any
 of the said monasteries and other religious and ecclesiastical houses, dissol-
 ued suppressed relinquished forfeited or by any other meanes come to the
 kynges hands sith the said fourth daie of february the xxii. yere of his
 most noble reigne or which at any time hertofore did belong or appertain
 to any other person or persons, and after came to the handes of our said so-
 ueraigne lord as also al other person being grauntours or assignes to or
 by our said soueraigne lord the king, or to or by any other person or persons
 than the kynges heghnes, and the heires, executors successours and assi-
 gnes and euery of them, shal and may haue and enioy like advantage a-
 gainst the lessees their executors administratours, and assignes, by entre
 for none payment of the rent, or for doing of wast, or other forfayture: and
 also shal and may haue and enioy all and euery such like and the same ad-
 vantage benefite and remedies by action onely for not performinge o-
 ther condicions covenantes, or agreements, conteyned and expessed in
 the indentures of their said leases, dimisses or grauntours, agaynst all and
 euery the said lessees and fermours, and grauntours, their executors, admini-
 stratours

withstanding and assignes as the sayd lessours or grauntours their heirs
or their heires or successors oughte shuld or myght have had and enjoyed
as any tyme or tyme in lyke manere and forme as if the reuerens of such
landes tenementes or hereditamentes had not com to the handes of our
sayd soueraine lord, as if our sayd soueraine lord had heires and successors
shuld or myght have had and enjoyed in certayn cases by vertue of the acco
made at the first session of this present parliament, if no such grant by let
tres pntes had ben made by his highnes.

Whosoever be it enacted by auctorite asforesaid, that al formours letters
and grantyes of lordships manors, lands, tenementes, rentes personages
eyther poissions or any other hereditamentes for terme of yeres lyfe or ly
fes their executors administratours and assignes shal and mai have lyke
action advantage and remedy against all and every person and persones
and bodies pollicke their heires successors & assignes whiche have or shal
have any gite or graunt of the hyng our souerain lord or of any other per
son or persones of the reuercion of the same manours landes tenementes &
other hereditamentes to letten or any part thereof for any condicion con
nauite or agreement containted or expessed in the indentures of theyr lease
and leases, as the same leasees or any of them might and shuld have had
against the sayd lessours and grauntours their heires or successors, all
benefytes and advantages of recoveries in value by reason of any warr
rant in dede or law by voucher or otherwise onely excepted.

It is provided alwaies that this act nor any thing or thinges therein contey
ned shal extend to hinder or charge any person or persons for the brech of a
ny covenant or condicion compured in any such writing as is asforesaid but
for such covenantes and condicions as shalbe broken or not performed af
ter the first day of September next comming and not before any thing be
fore in this act containted to the contrary therof nor withstanding.

It is also that justices of the justices make make deputies Cap. xxxv

As much as it is much doubted, whether the kings justices of
his forestes parkes and chases within this realme may lawfully
make or depute any deputy or deputies for the exercising of their
said comethen or office of justices of the forestes, for the avoiding
of which ambiguitie and doute and to the intent that the lawes of the
forest may be more truly and speedily executed it shall be enacted by the
king our souerain lord by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal and
the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same
that it shalbe lawful and enery the justice & justices of the kings forestes
parkes & chases within this realme, which now be or hereafter shal be by
their writing sealed with the seale of their office, shal make, assigne, depute
appoint or many deputy or deputies for the exercising of the same office

of iustice or iudices of the forestes as to such iustice or iudices from tyme to tyme shalbe thought comenit which depuys and depuies so appointed shall haue the power and authority to do and execute all thynges concernyng the kynges forestes parkes and chases, and all other thynges concernyng the office and offices of the iustice of the forestes, to all intents and purposes and in as large and ample maner and forme as the same iustice or iudices myght or may lawfully do or execute by the lawes of this realme and as though the same iustice or iudices were ther personallly present in his or their own person or persons.

An acte for the exposition of the statute of fines. 40. Hen. 6. Cap. 11. 14.

WHEREAS as much as in the fourth yere of the reign of the late kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the seventh father of our mooste dread souerayn lord the kyng that now is it was amonge many good and sundry statutes and ordinaunces than made for the common welthe enacted ordeined and establisshed, the fourth and maner how fines shuld be leuied with proclamacions in the kynges couste before his iustices of his common place, and that such fines with proclamacions so had and made, to the intent to boide all strifes, and debates shuld be a fynal ende and conclud aswel pyppies as strangers to the same, certayn persons excepted and saued as in the same estatute more playnly appereth. Sythen whiche tyme by diuersite of interpretation and expounding of the same estatute, it hath ben and yet is by some maner of persons doubted and called in question, whether fines with proclamacions leuied or to be leuied before the said iustices by any person or persons claiming or claymyng to haue in any manours landes tenementes hereditamentes comprised in the same fine in possession reuercion remainder or in vse, any maner of estate taile, should immediately after the sayd fine leuied engrosed, and proclamation made binde the right heire and heirs of such tenant in taile and every other person and persons seised or claymyng to theyr vse or vses by occasion wherof byuers debates controuersies suites and troubles haue ben begon moued & had within this realme and may be lyke to ensue if remedy for the same be not provided: for the establishment and reformation wherof and for the sure and sincere interpretation of the said estatute, in auoidyng all daungers, contentions controuersies ambiguities and doubtes that hereafter maie ensurge growe and happen. Our soueraine lord the kyng with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authority of the same hath enacted and ordeined, that al and singular fines as wel heretofore leuied as hereafter to be leuied before the said iustices with proclamacions, accordyng to the sayd estatute by any person or persons of full age of xxi. yeres of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, before the tyme of the same fine leuied in any tosse entailed to the person or persons so claymyng the same fine or to any his aunccestours or

ancessours of the same person or persons in possession reversion remainder or in use shall be immediately after the same fine levied engrossed and proclamacions made abridged accepted demed and taken to al intents and purposes a sufficient barre and discharge for ever agaynst the sayde person and persons and their heires claiming the same landes tenementes and hereditamentes as any parcell thereof only by force of any such entail, and agaynst all other persons claiming the same, or any parcell thereof only to their use, or to the use of any manner of heire of the bodies of the any ambiguitie doubt or contrariety of opinion upon or growen upon the sayd statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is provided alway that this acte nor any thing therein conteyned shal extend to barre or exclude the lawfull entere title or interest of any heire or heires person or persons heretofore given or hereafter to be given growen or accrowed to them or any of them in or to any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes by reason of any fine or fines heretofore levied or hereafter to be levied by any woman after the deeth of hir husband contrary to the fourme intent and effect of the statute made in the xi. yere of the said late kyng Henry the. vii. of any manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the inheritance of purchase of the said husband, or of any bys ancessours, given or assigned to any such woman in dower for terme of life or in tale in use or in possession but that the same acte made in the said xi. yere of the said late kyng Henry the. vii. shall stande remaine and bee in full strength and vertue in every article sentence and clause therein conteigned in lyke maner and fourme as though this present acte had never bene made ne made.

It is provided also that this acte ne any thing therein conteigned do extend to any fine or fines at any time heretofore levied or hereafter to be levied, of any lordships manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes what so ever they be the possessioners and owners wherof by reaso of any expres wordes conteined in any speciall acte or actes of parliament made or ordeined sithen the sayd iii. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the. vii. stande be bounden or restrained from making any alienacions discontinuances or other alteracions of any of the same lordships manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes conteigned in the said fines or fines but that al and every such fine and fines at any time heretofore levied or hereafter to be levied by any such person persons or their heire of any such lordships manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes shalbe of such lyke force and strength in the lawe, and of none other effecte then the same fine so levied or to be levied, shuld have ben if this present acte hadde never bene had nor made any thing therein conteigned to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

It is provided also that this acte nor any thing therein conteigned, shall extend to any fine or fines heretofore levied of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes now in suite demaunde or barpance in any of

the kyngs court, or wherof any charters, evidences or muniments con-
cerning the same, be now in demourance in the kynges high court of chancery
nor to any fine or fines heretofore leuied of any manors, landes, ten-
ementes or hereditamentes wherof before the first day of this present parli-
ment have ben recovered gotten or obtained by reason of any iudgement
entre decree, bar, payment or other lawful meanes, contrary to the purpose
intent or effect of any such fine or fines therof heretofore leuied nor to any
fine or fines heretofore leuied or hereafter to be leuied by any person or per-
sons of any manors, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes before the tyme
of the leuieing of the same fine given, granted or assigned to the sayd per-
son or persons, so leuieing the same fine or to any of his or their successours
in the caple, by vertue of any letters patentes of our sayd soueraigne lord,
or any of his progenytours, or by vertue of any act or actes of parliamente
the reuerſion wherof at the tyme of the same fine or fines so leuied being
in our said soueraigne lord his heires or successours. But that every such
fine and fines shalbe of lyke force strength and effect, as thei wer or shuld
haue ben if this act had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ An act for recovery of arerages of rentes by execution of tenant
in fee simple. Cap. xxxviii.

WHEREAS by the order of the common lawe the executors
or administratours of tenants in fee simple tenants in fee
caple and tenants for termes of lyfes of rentes service rentes char-
ges rentes seches and fee fermes, haue no remedy to recovere suche
arreages of the said rentes or se fermes as wer due vnto their testatours
in their lyfes nor yet the heires of such testatour nor any person having the
reuerſion of his estate after his deceaſe made destrayne or haue any lawfull
action to leuie any such arreages of rentes or of se fermes, due vnto hym
in his lyfe, as is aforesayd, By reason wherof the tenants of the demeane
of such landes tenementes or hereditamentes out of the whiche suche ren-
tes wer due & payable who of ryght ought to pay their rentes and fermes
at such day and termes as thei wer due, so many tymes kepe hold and re-
tayne such arreages in their owne handes, so that the executors and ad-
ministratours of the persons to whom such rentes or se fermes wer due,
can not haue or come by the said arreages of the same, towards to pay-
ment of the debtes, and perſourmance of the wyll of the sayde testa-
tours. For remedye wherof be it enacted by authority of this present
parliament that the executors and administratours of every such per-
sonne or persons vnto whom any such rente or se ferme is or shal be
due, and not payd at the tyme of his deche, shal and may haue an action
of dette for all suche arreages, agaynst the tenant or tenants that
ought to haue payd the sayde rente or se fermes so beinge bebyne, in
the lyfe of theyr testatour, or agaynst the executors and administratours
of

of the said tenants. And also furthermore it shall be lawful to charge
 such executor and administratour of any such person or persons unto
 whom such rent or fee ferme or shall be due and not paid at the time
 of his death as is aforesaid to distrain for the arrearages of all such rents
 and fee fermes upon the landes tenementes and other hereditamentes
 which were charged with the payment of such rents or fee fermes and
 chargeable to the distress of the said testatour so long as the said landes
 tenementes or hereditamentes continue to remaine and he in the season of
 possession of the said tenant in demaine, who ought immediately to have
 paid the said rent or fee ferme to being bepride to the said testatour, in
 his life, or in the season of possession of any other person or persones clai-
 ming the said landes tenementes and hereditamentes onely by and from
 the same tenant by purchase gifte or otherwise in lyke maner and fourme
 as their said testatour mought or ought to have don in his life tyme and
 the said executors and administratours shall for the same distress lawfull-
 ly make awote upon their matter aforesaid.

¶ It is also enacted that they act nor any thing therein conteyned, that not
 extend to any such manour lordshippe or demysson in which or in the
 marches of the same wherof the inhabitants have used tyme out of the
 mynde of man to pay unto every lord or lordes of such lordships, tithes
 or donation at his or their fyft entre into the same any summe or summes
 of money for the redemption and discharge of all duties, expences and
 penalties wherwith the said or inhabitants were chargeable to any of
 their said lordes successours or predecessors before the said entree and

¶ And further be it enacted by the authority aforesaid that if any man
 which was hitherto or hereafter shall have in the right of his wyfe any es-
 tate in fee simple or fee tyme or for terme of life or in any rentes or fee fer-
 mes, and the same rentes or fee fermes now be or hereafter shall be due be-
 hynde and unpaid in the said wyfes life than the said husband, after
 the death of his said wyfe his executors and administratours shall have
 an action of debte for the said arrearages against the tenant of the demene
 that ought to have paid the same his executors or administratours. And
 also the said husband after the death of his said wyfe may distrain for
 the said arrearages in lyke maner and fourme as he mought have done if
 his said wyfe had ben thar living and make awote upon his matter
 as is aforesaid.

¶ And further be it enacted by the authority aforesaid that if any
 person or persons which was hitherto or hereafter shall have any rentes
 or fee fermes for terme of life or tyme or any other person or persons, and
 the said rent or fee ferme now be or hereafter shall be due be hynde and un-
 paid in the life of such person or persons, then the person or persons to whom the
 said rent or fee ferme is due may distrain for the same and make awote upon
 his matter as is aforesaid.

sayd person or persones both dye: That he unto whom the sayd rentes
or se fermes was due in fourme aforesayd his executors and administra-
tors, that and may have a of action dette against the tenants in demene
that ought to have paid the same whan it shal be due unto his executors
and administrators, and also distraine for the same arrearages upon such
lands and tenementes out of the which the sayd rentes or se fermes were
duyng and payable, in such lyke manner and fourme as he ought, as might
have don if such person or persons by whose death the aforesayd estate in
the said rentes and se fermes was determined and expyred had bene in
full lyfe and not dead: And the authority for the taking of the same distresse
to be made in manner and fourme aforesayd.

An act concerning contracts of marriages and touching degrees of
consanguinity. Cap. xxviii



Here as heretofore the usurped power of the Synnops of
Rome hath alwayes entangled & troubled to the mere in-
fringion and regall power of this realme of Englands,
and also unquieted much the subiectes of the same, he has
usurped power in them, as by making that unlawful whi-
che by goddes woode is lawful both in marriages & other
things as hereafter shal appere at more length, and likewise of late in
his suzeraine lordes time, which is otherwise by learning taught, than
his predecessours in times past long time have bene had to continue the
same, wherof yet some markes be left, which hereafter myghte kyndell a
greater fyre, and so consuming his power not to some better exycte.
Therefore it is thought most convenient to the kynges begynnyng his
des spiritual and temporall, with the commons of his realme assembled
in this present parliament, that two things specially for this time be with
diligence provided for, whereby many inconveniences hath ensued, and
many more may be ensue and folowe, as wher heretofore divers
and many persones after long continuances together in matrimonye
without any allegation of either of the parties, or any other at theyr
marriage, wher the same matrimony should not be good and lawful,
and after the same matrimonye solemnized and consummated by carnall
knowlage, and also sometime fruite of chyldre ensued of the same marriage
by the presence of a former contract made, and not consummated by carnall
copulation for more tober of two wemen by that same lawe only requyred
then dissolved and separate contrary to goddes lawe, and so the first mari-
mony both solemnized in the face of the church and consummated with body
of one wylle, and continued also with the fruite of chyldre hath bene
the chere of synners and dissolours, further also by reason of other power
gions then goddes lawe abydeth, for their succre by that count unsted, the
dispensacion wherof they alwayes referued to them selves, as is hinted or
affinity

affinitie between couſen germaines, and ſo to fourth and fourth degre, car
 nall knowing of any of the ſame kynne or affinitie before in ſuch outward
 degrees, which els wer lawfull and be not prohibited by goddes law and
 al becauſe they wold get money by, it and kepe a reputacion of their bliſ
 ped iurisdiction wherby not onely much dyſſorde between lawfull married
 perſons hath (contrary to goddes ordenance) ariſen much debat and ſit
 at the ſa w with the wrongfull veracion and great damage of the innocēt
 party hath ben pictured and many iuſt mariages brought in doubt and
 daunger of vndoyng and alſo many tymes vndone, and lawfull brices diſ
 turbed wherof ther had neuer elles, but for his bairn glorious vſurpacion
 ben moved any ſuch queſtion ſyns freedom in them was given by god
 des law which ought to be moſt ſure and certain. But that notwithstanding
 marriages have ben brought into ſuch an incertapntie therby that no
 marriage coulde be ſo ſurely knitte and bounden but it ſhuld lye in either of
 the parties power and arbitet caſting awaye the feare of god by meanes
 and compaſſes to pious a procontracte a kpyred and allpance or a carnall
 knowing, to deſtate the ſame and ſo vnder the pretence of theſe allega
 cyons alwey reherſed, to lyue all the dayes of their lyfe in detestable adul
 tery to the bitter deſtruction of their own ſoules, and the prouocacō of the
 terrible wrath of god, vpon the places wher ſuch abhominacions wer
 bled and ſuffered. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our ſoueraigne lord,
 the lordes ſpiritual and temporall and the commons in this preſent par
 liament aſſembled and by auctorite of the ſame that from the fyrſt day of
 the moneth of July next comyng in the pere of our lord god a thouſande
 ſyue hundredth and fourtie, all and euery ſuch mariages as wthin thys
 church of England ſhall be contracted between lawfull perſonnes, as
 by this act we declyre all perſonnes to be lawfull, that be not prohibited
 by goddes law to marry, ſuch mariages being contracte and ſolemnized
 in the face of the church, and consummate with bodily knowing or fruit
 of the dyen, or chyld, being had therein between the parties ſo married, ſhal
 be by auctorite of this preſent parliament aſoſayd, demed iudged and ta
 ken to be lawfull good iuſt and in diſſoluble not withſtandyn and pro
 tract or procontractes of matrimony not consummate, with bodily know
 lage wherby ether of 2 perſons ſo married or both ſhal haue made with any
 other perſon or perſons before the tyme of contracting that mariage which
 is ſolemnized and consummate or wherof ſuch tyme is enſured as maienſe
 as a law and not withſtandyn any diſpenſacion preſcription law or other
 thinge graunted or continued by acte or otherwiſe. And that no reſerua
 tion or prohibition goddes law excepte ſhall trouble or impeache any ma
 riage wthin the ſaid ſhall degrees. And that no perſon of what ſtate be
 gre or condition ſo euer he or ſhe be, ſhall after the ſayde fyrſt day of the
 moneth of July aſſembled be admitted in any of the ſpiritual courtes with
 in the ſayde kynges realme or any of his graces other landes and domyns,
 to any ſuch plea of allegation contrary to this ſayde act.

The institution of the great master of the kynges household Cap. LXV

Whereas much as it hath pleased the kynges most royal maiestie to alter and change the name of the lord steward of his most honorable household into the name of the great master of his household, of Grand master chancelier du roy, and hath granted and given the said office unto his right trusty and right entirely beloved counsellor and counsaile, Charles duke of Suffolke, lord president of his most honorable counsaile, and hath named ordeined and appointed hym to be called lord great master of his household of Grand master chancelier du roy, his highnes of his excellent goodnes is contented and pleased that it be enacted by the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctorite of the same that the said Charles duke of Suffolke during the tyme that he shal have the said office of great master of the kynges household of Grand master chancelier du roy and al other who hereafter shall have the said office by those names or any of them shall have use and enjoy al such and singular preeminences, auctorities, privileges and jurisdictions in as large & ample manner, forme, sort and condition, as the lord steward of the kynges household by vertue of his office and name the lord steward had used ought to have used or had by reason of any custome, blages, statutes or canon lawes of the realme, and as if the said duke, and such other as shall have the said office and be called and named lord steward of the kynges household.

An act concerning the privileges of scholars. Cap. LXVI



AND WHEREAS the humble petition sheweth unto your maiestie that your trewe and faithfull subjects and loyal men the president of the corporation of the commonalty & felowshipp of science and facultie of physick in your cite of London and the commons of the felowes of the same that tober as by vertue of them many times hangage in cure as well some of the lordes of your most honorable Counsaile, and by vertue of many of the nobilitie of this realme as many other your frechefe and loyal people can not give their deves attendaunce to them and offer their personages with such diligence, as they shuld have and do by reason they be many times compelled of weal within the cite of London and suburbs of the same as in other toones, and billeges to be bounde and bounde, and be chosen to the offices of constable and other offices within the said cite and suburbs of the same as in other places with in this your realme to their great fatigament and annoyment, and to the perill of their personages by reason that can not be conveniently attended. It may therefore please your most excellent maiestie with the assent of your lordes spiritual and temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thaurtorite of the same to enacte ordeine and establish that

that the president of the said commonalte and felowship for the tyme be-
 yong and the commonalte and felowship of the same, and every felow thereof
 now be or that at any tyme hereafter shall be their successors and the heirs
 out of every of them, at all tyme and tymes after the makinge of this
 present act shalbe discharged to buye any watche or watche in your said
 cite of London, or the suburbs of the same or any part ther of: And that
 they nor any of them shalbe chosen constable or any other officer in the said
 cite or suburbs. And that if any tyme hereafter the said president for the
 tyme being or any of the said commonalte or felowship for the tyme being by
 any wayes or meanes be appointed or elected to any watche or watche of
 fyres of constable or any other office within the said cite or suburbs, the
 same appointment or election to be utterly voyde and of none effect; and
 other custome or lawe to the contrary before this tyme used in your said
 cite not withstanding.

¶ And that it maye please your most excellent maiestie by thantworthe shew
 said that it maye be further enacted, ordained and established for the com-
 mon welth and suretie of your lovinge subiectes of this your realme, in
 and for thadministration of medicines to suche your said subiectes as
 shal have neede of the same that from henceforth the said presidente for
 the tyme beinge commonalte and felowship and their successors maye yearly at
 such tyme as they shal thinke moste mete and convenient for the same
 electe and chosse foure person of the sayd bedfellowes and felowes of the
 best learned wysse and most discrete and as they shal thinke conue-
 nient and have experiance in the sayd facultie of physike: And that the
 sayd foure persones, elected and chosen after a corporall othe to them im-
 posed by the said presidente in his deputie, shall and maye by vertue of
 this present act have full authoritie and power as often as they shal thinke
 mete and convenient to entree in to the house or houses of al and every po-
 ticary now or any tyme hereafter beinge the ministerie or craft of apotecarie
 within the said cite only to seeke and seke suche poticary wares dring-
 ges and stufes as the sayd poticaries or any of them have or at any tyme
 hereafter shal have in their house or houses. And all such wares dringges &
 stufes as the sayd persons shal then finde defective corrupted and not
 mete nor convenient to be ministered in any medicines for the helth of manns
 body the same foure person calling to them the wardens of the said mistery
 of poticaries within the said cite for that tyme beinge or one of them shall
 cause to be burnt or otherwise destroyed the same, as they shal thinke mete
 by their discrecion. And if the sayd poticaries or any of them at any tyme
 hereafter do obstinately or willingly refuse or deny the sayd foure persones
 yearly elected and chosen as is before sayd to entree into their sayd house or
 houses for the causes intents and purposes before rehearsed That then they
 and every of them so offending contrary to this act, for every tyme that he
 or they do so offende to forfeit As the one halfe to your maieste and the
 other halfe to hym th at will sue for the same by action of debte by plaint or
 infoz.

information in any of the kinges counties wherin no longer of late effone
of protection shalbe allowed. And if the said four persons or any of them
so elected and chosen as before is sayd do refuse to be sworn at after bys
sayd othe to him or them administered do obstinately refuse to make & sub-
scribe, and be soe only in the yere, as such time as that that think most con-
venient by their discretions: having no lawfull impediment by sickness or o-
therwise to the contrary: That then for every such lawfull and obstinate
default every of the sayd four persons making default to forfeite, &c.
And forasmuch as the science of physike doth comprehende include and
compryse the knowledge of surgery as a speciall membre and parte of the
same therefore be it enacted, that any of the sayd company or fellowship of
physicians, being able chosen and admitted by the sayd president and fe-
lowship of physicians unto time to time as well within the cite of Lon-
don as elsewhere within this realme, practise and exercise the said science
of physike in al and every his members and parties any act statute or pro-
vision made to the contrary nor withstanding.

An act concerning bakynge of hofse breade

Cap. xii.

WHEREAS as much as by occasion that at a parliamente holden at westm-
in the xii. yere of the raigne of kyng Richard & second amongst
other thynges it was ordeyned and enacted, that no hosteler or
inholder shuld make any hofse breade wth in his house nor elles
wher but than the bakers shuld make such hofse breade & that thallie ther
of shuld also be made of resonable waight as by the same act it made more
plainly appere. And also sithens that at an other parliament holden at
westm in the fourth yere of the raigne of kyng Henry the fourth, among-
est other thynges it was also ordeyned and enacted that if any hosteler
or inholder did make any hofse breade contrary to the fourme of the sayde
statute & act, of Richard & second & the same duly proved agaynst hi & same
hosteler or inholder fro time to time shuld forfeite the treble value of al such
hofse breade made by him in his house or elles wher as bi & sayd acte more
plainly also it may appere. Wherof and many uncommodities & mischeifes
have ensued thereupon to the kinges subiectes & have troubled & tourmented
both their houses within this realme of England: Be it therefore nowe or
deigned and enacted by & authority of this present parliament that from
hence forth it shalbe lawful for every hosteler or inholder dwel-
ling in any towne or villiage being a thoroughfare or common passag wth
in this realme, and being no cite town corporate or market town wherin
any common baker exercising the occupation of bakynge, and hath bene
prentice at the saide occupation by the space of vii. yeres is dwellpage, to
make within his house hofse breade sufficient lawfull & of due assise accor-
ding as the puse of the grannes of corne that now is and hereafter shal

be from tyme to tyme any thyng of thinges mentioned in the said acts of Statutes of kyng Richard the second or Henry the fourth to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid that if the hofebende towhiche any of the said hofelers or hofolers hereafter shal make be not sufficient laful and of due ayle according to the price of graines of combe is shoulde sayde: Then the Justices of peace in every shire lyberty or felshes within this realme, shal have full power and auctorite to enquire here and determine the said defaults and offences of sayd hofelers and hofolers hereafter to be committed against the forme of this present statute and to esse such fines and make the pcees thereupon, as they commonly be to do upon presentments of trespass against peace. And that also lybertye the Sheriffes in every shire, and Stewards in their leres & liberties, shal have full power and auctorite to enquire and determine every such default and offence of hofelers against the forme of this present statute hereafter to be committed within the limit of their jurisdictions.

An act concerning Barbouris and Surgeons to be of one compaign: Cap. xlii.

The kyng our soueraigne lord by the aduise of his lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by the auctorite of the same by all their common assentes duly pondering among other things necessary for the common welch of this realme, that it is very expedient and nedeful to proude for men experte in the science of physike and surgery, for the helth of mannes body, when infirmities and sickenes shall happen for the due exercise and maintenance wherof good and necessary actes be already made and provided. Yet neuertheles, for as muche as within the cite of Londone, whers men of great experience aswell in speculation as in practice of the science and faculty of surgery, be abiding & inhabiting, and have more commonly the dayly exercise and experience of the same science of surgery, then is had or vied within any parties of this realme: And by occasion therof many expert persones be brought by vnder them, as their seruantes apprentices and others, who by theretexte and diligent information of the sayd masters, as wel now as hereafter shal exercise the sayd science within diuers other parties of this realme, to the great helpe comfort and succour of much people, and to the sure safeguarde of their bodily health, they limiten and lyuen. And so much as within the sayd cite of London, there be now two severall and distincte compaignes of Surgeons, occuppyng and exercysyng the sayde science and faculty of surgery, the one compaign being commonly called the Barbouris of London, and the other compaign called the Surgeons of London which compaign of barbouris be incorporated to set and be seued by the name of maistral of gouernours of the mistery and communaite of the barbouris of London, by vertue and auctorite of the letters patentes vnder

the great frailty of the late kyng of famous memory kyng Edward the fourth dated at westminster the fourth and thirtieth day of February in the first yere of his reigne which afterwarde as wel by our most most graciouslye lord as by the right noble and vertuous prince kyng Henry the seventh father into the kynges moste excellent highnesse now beinge tower and be confirmed, as by sundry letters patentes therof made amongst other thinges in the same consernyng, more at large shall appere. And the other compaignie called the surgeons be, not incorporated, nor have any maner incorporation which the sayd barbour and distynct compaignies of surgeons have necessaie to be byrtyd and made one bothe incorporated to the entente that by their bygon and often assymblyng together to the good and bettre order exercise and knowlege of the sayd science of facultie of surgerye, should be as well in speculacion as in practice, both to them selves and al other their said seruantes and apprentices, now and hereafter to be brought by vnder them, and by their knowlege and diligent and true informacion more perfect speede and effectual remedye should be than it hath ben or should be if the said two compaignies of barbours and surgeons should contente to severed a sunder and not ioyned together as they before this tyme have ben and used them selves not medlynge together. wherfore in consideracion of the premises be it enacted by the kyng our soveraigne lord, and by the lordes spiritual and temporell, and by the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by the auctourite of the same that the sayd two severall and distynct compaignies of surgeons, that is to saye, both the barbours and the surgeons, and every personne of them beinge a free manne of either of the sayd compaignies after the custome of the sayd cite of London and there successours, from hence forth immediately be byrtyd and made one entyre and hole body corporate and one communalte perpetuall whereby at al tyme hereafter shall be called by the name of masters or governours of the mystery and communalte of Barbours and Surgeons of London for evermore and by none other name. And by the same name to impleade and be impleaded before al maner of Justices, in al courtes in al maner of actions and suetes. And also to purchase entyre take to the and to their successours al maner of landes tenementes rentes and other possessions what so ever they be, and also shal have a common seale to serve for the busynesse of the sayd compaignie and incorporation for ever. And by the same name peaceably quietly and indifferently have possession and entyre to theyn and to their successours for ever, all suche landes and tenementes, and other hereditamentes what soever, which the said compaignie or communalte of barbours have and entyre to the of the said mystery and communalte of barbours of London. And also shall peaceably and quietly have and entyre all and singular benefittes, grauntes liberties, privileges franchises, and free robes and also all maner of other thinges, at any tyme given or graunted unto the sayd compaignies of barbours or surgeons, by what so ever name

or names they or any of them to be called, and to which they or any of them now have, or any of their predecessors have had by act or parliament letter patent or of the kinges highnes or other his most noble progenitors or otherwise by any lawful means had at any tyme above thes present acts in as large and ample manner and forme as they or any of the have had right or shuld enjoye the same, this bond or connection of the said companies together not to be dissolved. And as largely to have and enjoye the premises, as if the same were and had ben speciall and particularl expressed and declared with the best and most cleere testimonies the lawe, to all intents and purposes And that al persons of the sayd company now in coporate by thys present act, and their successors, that shal be lawfully admitted and approved to occupy surgery after the forme of the statute in that case ordeyned and provided shalbe exempted for breach of armure or to be put in any watches or inquestes And that they and their successors shal have the seche over sight punishment and correctio as well of freemen as of foreyns for such offences as they or any of them shal comit or do against the good order of barbery or surgery as above thes tyme amonge the sayd mistery and company of barbours of London, hath ben used and accustomed, accordyng to the good and pollicie rules and ordynances by them made and approved in the lords Chancellour treasurer and two chiefe Justices of either bench or any thre of them after the forme of the statute in that case ordeyned and provided.

¶ And further be it enacted by thesactours aforesayd, that the sayd maysters or gouernours of the mistery and comminaltie of barbours and surgeons of London, and their successors perrely for ever after their said discretions at their free liberte and pleasure shal and maie have and take without contradiction foure persons condemned adjudged and put to deaths for felony by the due order of the kinges lawe of thys realme for anatomies without any further sute or labour to be made to the kinges highnes his heires or successors for the same. And to make incision of the same deade bodies or otherwys to order the same after their said discretions at their pleasures for their further and better knowlage instruction in sight learning and experience in the sayd science or facultie of surgery shauing vnto al person their heires and successors al such right tytle interest and demande, which they or any of them myght lawfully clayme or have in or to any of the landes and tenementes with the appurtenaunces, belgging vnto the sayd company of barbours and surgeons or any of them, at any tyme above the making of this acte, in as ample manner & forme as they or any of them hadde or ought to have had heretofore: Any thyng it thys present acte comprised to the contrary herof in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ And for as muche as suche persones being the misterie or facultie of surgery, oftentimes medle and take into their cure and houses suche sick and diseased persons as ben infected with the pestilence great poches & such other contagious infirmityes do use or exercise barbaerie, as wallpyng, or

shauyng

Whipping, and other feates therunto belonging, to be in verie perillous
for infering the kynge liege people resorting to their shoppes and bou-
ses that being troubled of thair neighbours it is now enacted ordeyned
and provided by the auctorite aforesayd that no manner person within the
cite of London suburbs of the same, and on any compass of the sayd
cite of London, after the feast of the nativite of our lord god next comyng
bring any barbary or shaming, or that here after shall by any barbary or
shaming within the sayd cite of London suburbs or one myle circuite of
the same cite of London be nor they nor none other for the to his or other
by shall occupy any surgery lettynge of blood, or any other thyng be-
longing to surgery drawing of teeth only excepte. And further more in
this maner who so ever that vseth the mistery or craft of surgery within
the circuite aforesayd, as long as he shall fortune to vset the sayd mistery
or craft of surgery shall in no wyse occupy nor excepte the feat or craft
of barbary or shaming neither by hym selfe nor by none other for him to his
or their use. And whosoever that al manner of persones bringe surgery for
the tyme being as well free men as forens aliens and strangers within
the said cite of London, the suburbs therof, and on myle compass of the
same cite of London before the feast of saint Michael tharchangel next
comyng shall have an open signe on the strette syde wher they shall for-
tune to dwell, that all the synners liege people there passing by may knowe
at al times together to resort for they remedies in tyme of necessity.

And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that no manner of per-
son after the sayd feast of saint Michael tharchangel next comyng
presume to kepe any shoppes of barbary or shaming within the city of Lon-
don except he be a freeman of the same corporation and company.

¶ And further more at such tynes heretofore accustomed there shalbe cho-
sen by the same company foure masters or governours of the same corpo-
ration or company, of the which.iiii. two of them shalbe expert in surgery
and thother two in barbary, which.iiii. masters and every of theym shall
have full power and auctorite from tyme to tyme, during theyr said offyce
to have the oversigth seeke punishment and correction of al such defaul-
tes and inconveniences as shalbe found among the sayd company bring
barbary or surgery, as wel of fre me as forens aliens and strangers with
in the cite of London & the circuite aforesayd, after their said discrecions
And if any persn or person bring any barbary or surgery at any tyme here
after, offend in any of these articles aforesayd then for everie moneth the
sayd persons so offending shal lose forsaie and pay. b. ii. the one moity ther-
of to the king our soueraigne lord, and the other moity to any person that
will or shal sue therfore by action of det bill plaints or informacion in anye
the kinges courtes, wherin no tynge of lawe esson or protection shal be
admitted or allowed in the same.

¶ Provided that the said barbouris and surgeons and every of them shal
beare and pay lot and scot and such other charges, as they and their prede-
cessours

cessours have ben accustomed to pay within the sayd cite of London thei
acts or any thyng therein consigned to the contrary herof in any wyse not
withstandyng.

It is provided alway and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid that it shalbe
lesful to any of the kynges subjects not being Barbour or Surgeon, to
retene have and kepe in his house as his servant any person being a
barbour or surgeon whych shal and may use and exercise thow artes and
faculties of Barbery and surgery or either of the in his masters house, or
elles wher by his masters licence or commaundement any thyng in the
acts above written to the contrary not withstanding.

An act concerning thez dales in the countie palatyn of Chelster. Cap. xiii

Where it is enacted and established in the xviii. yere of our so-
verain lord the kyng that now is as well for the further and
augmentaciō of good rule and orde to be had and on in the
countie palatyn of Chelster and other shires as for admy-
stracion of iustice amonges the kynges subjects ther that the
sayde chauncellour of England or the lorde keeper of the great seale for the
tyme being shal have auctorite from tyme to tyme to constitute and ap-
point iustices of peace, iustices of Quorum, and iustices of Gaule deli-
very as well within the sayde countie palatyn of Chelster and other shires
and parties of wales by commission under the kynges great seale whiche
person named shal have full power and auctorite to enquire here and
determine all maner thing and thyng enquirable presentable or determi-
nable before iustices of peace iustices of Quorum, & iustices of Gaule de-
livery in other shires of this realme of England, & to do use & execute every
thyng and thyngs as other iustices of peace, Quorum, & Gaule delivier do
in other shires of England and that they shal kepe their sessions there as
thei do in others shires of England wch like penaity as hath ben ordeined
for such abuses in such iustices in other shires of England any law act sta-
tute usage custome privilege prescription or libertie to the contrary therof in
any wyse not withstanding, as in the sayd statute made in the said xviii.
yere amongst other thyngs more plainly appereth. By reason whiche act
it is now used to kepe sessions in the sayd countie palatyn of Chelster as it
is used in other shires of England. Also it is used in the sayd countie palatyn
of Chelster that the iustices of the same for the tyme being both yere-
lye tyme out of mynde used to kepe the shires or countie dales in maner and
fourte folowynge that is to saye one yere but .i. shires or countie dales,
and another yere .ii. shires or countie dales to the which the gentylmen
free holders and others of the said countie are bounden of ancient custome
and dutie to appere, and geve their attendaunce to serve the kyng whiche
shires and countie dales com very oftentymes in the yere. And now by
reasonne of the said newe statute of Iustices of the peace hadde in the
sayd countie the sayde gentylmenne free holders and iustices of the

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Said countie being bounden of their sayd olde custome and law to geue their attendaunce and apparaunce to the sayd shyre and countie dapes, at now bounde also to geue their apparaunce and attendaunce at sover quarter sessions, and other may sessions in the sayde countie: By meane wherof the sayd apparaunce & attendaunce cometh so often and thicke together, that at many tymes they can not departe from the on court and attende their busynesse scarcely on daye or fourtyme lesse, but they must agayne ryde to serve the other court which is to painfull chargeable intolleeable and importune, for any man to susteine and abyde. In consideracio wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soveraine lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that from henceforth the lawe and administration of Justice, and all other thynges in the said countie in tyme past used to be had at the sayd shyre dapes shall be holden had made don and executed by the Justice of the sayd countie for the tyme being at two tymes in the yere onely, that is to witte at the sessions next after the feast of sainte Michael the archaunge, and at the sessions nexte after Easter yere for ever during so many daies at every of the sayd tymes as nedes shall requyre, in lyke maner and forme as it is now used and executed in the countie palantye of Lancaster. And that not actions lryte or procelle now or here after to be depending in the said counties, shall be ther by dyscontinued butt for impayed nor any advantage therein to be taken by errorre dyscontinuance of procelle, ne othertyle, but the same to procede after the same new order. And that from henceforth the sayde olde ordre rule and custome in holdyng of the sayd counties or shyre dapes, shal utterly cease and determyne for ever: Any acte statute prescription graunte usage custome, pryviledge, law lyberte, constitucion or confirmation heretofore had made, accustomed or used, to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ An act that the towne of Kington is reduced to one new parish. Cap. xliiii.

FOR AS MUCH as the towne of Kington is a markette towne situate and builded together and extendeth it selfe in to fyve generall parishes wherof never a parish church of them is within two myles, of the sayd towne, and some of them be thre myles distant from the same by reason wherof the poore inhabitants and townsmen ther being parisheners of the said five parishes churches benes and sundry tymes through the absence of these persons & curates, in such cases of necessity when their presence to comfort and consolacion of their parishners is most requiste & behoveful, cannot have the sacramentes & sacramentals to be ministered according to the laudable customs of holy church to their greif perils and inconveniences.

And also forasmuch as the said towne of Kington is a great & common thoroughfare for the kynges subiectes and liege people travailing from many & sundry

beated to and by the ordinaries or vicars of the place, where the said church is situate, as other persons and vicars of this realm ben accustomed. And that the said parson church and town of Gosport shall from hence forth be taken and accepted to be in the diocess of London only and not in any other diocess, any thinge to the contrary ther of notwithstanding. And that all the said vicars that shall be first named and presented shall have power and auctorite by virtue of this act, to take and receive to him and his successors, on messuage with a garden thereto adjoining situate in the said town of Gosport to be given to him by any of the inhabitants in the said town, which messuage and garden shall be named and called the vicarage of the same town.

And that all the same vicar and his successors shall have and percieve all the tythes offerings oblations obventions, and other ecclesiastical duties and rights that shall growe and be due by the customes of this realm and ecclesiastical lawes of the same to be paid had or made by the inhabitants of the said town except only the tythes of corne, hay, wolle, lambe and calfe which tythes of corne hay wolle lambe and calfe, shall from hence forth be paid and satisfied by auctorite of this act to the persons and curates of the said p. parson church in like manner forme and condition, as heretofore it hath ben accustomed the erection of the said vicarage of Gosport, or any other thinge or changes conteyned or specified in this act in any wise not withstanding.

And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesaid that the persons and curates of the said p. parson church and every of them and his successors of every of them, shall have there remedy and remedies by auctorite of this act, to sue demand, aske and recover in the kinges court of chancery the said tythes of corne hay wolle lambe and calfe subtracted or denied to be paid by any person or persons as is such remedy and remedies to sue demands aske or recover the same tythes in like manner forme facion & condition as they or any of the should ought or might have done or had, if this act had never ben had ne made.

It is provided also that this present act shall take none effecte nor be put in execution until such time as the kinges maieste hath named and presented one habile person to be vicar of the said parson church of Gosport in manner and forme aforesaid.

¶ The erection of the court of the first fruites and tenth. Cap. xlv.



Where in the parliament holden at Westm the thirde day of November in the xvi. yere of the reign of our most dread natural and sovereign lord Henry the eight, by the grace of god king of England and of France defender of the faith lord of Ireland, and in earth supreme head of the church of England it was enacted ordeyned & establisshed: that the kings highnes his heires & successors kings of this realm, should have & enjoy from tyme to tyme to en-
dure

here by vertue of every such person and persons, which at any time after the first day of January then next commencing, shall be nominated elected preferred presented collated or by any other means appointed to have any archbishopric bishopric abbacy monastery priory college hospitall archdeaconry deanry prebendary personage vicarage chantery frechapell or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spiritual within this realm and els wher within any the kinges dominions of what name natur or qualite so ever they be, as to whoso foundation parronage or gift so ever they shal be long the first frutes revenues and profits for on yere of ever such archbishopric bishopric abbacy monastery priory college hospitall archdeaconry deanry prebendary personage vicarage chantery frechapell or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spiritual afore named, wher unto any such person or persons after the said first day of January be nominated elected preferred presented collated or by any other means appointed, And that ever such person and persons before and actual or reall possession of medying with þ profits of any such archbishopric bishopric abbacy monastery priory hospitall deanry prebendary personage vicarage chantery frechapell priory or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spiritual shuld stillie content a paie, or comownd or age to pay to the kinges use, at reasonable times, upon good sureties the said first frutes & profits for on yere. And also by the same act it was further enacted by the said statute aforesaid that the kinges maiesty his heires and successours kings of this realm, for moze augmentation and maintenance of the real estate of his imperial crown and dignitie of supreme head of þ church of England shuld verely have take and enioi and receive united and knit to his imperial crown for ever, on yere rent or pension amountyng to the value of the tenth parte of al the revenues rentes fermes tithes offerings emolumentes and of all other profits as wel called spiritual as temporal than appertaynyng or belongyng or that after the making of the sayd act shuld belong to any archbishopric bishopric abbacy monastery priory archdeaconry deanry hospitall college house collegiate prebend cathedrall church collegiate church conventual church personage vicarage chantery frechapell or other benefice or promotion spiritual of what name natur or qualite so ever they be within any dioces of this realme or in toles the sayd pension or annuall rent to be paid verely for ever to our said sovereign lord his heires and successours kings of this realme at the feast of the nativite of our lord god, as by the same act amongst divers other thinges therein conteyned more plainly is shewed and may appeare.

¶ And for the moze surety and establishment thereof, and to the intent that the kinges maiesty his heires & successours shall be the better served in obtaining the premises, & also from henceforth be truly and iustly answered contented and paid verely of al that which to his highnes his heires, or successours appertayneth or belongeth, or hereafter shall appertaine or belong by vertue and according to the tenor of the sayd acte. Be it enacted ordeined

be heard and determined by the judges and by the consent of his lordes
 spiritual and temporal and the commons in this present parliament
 assembled and by the assent of the lords barons and commons hereafter
 to come to that effect. **C**lerke being out of the court by the assent of the
 and stablysheth a certain court to be called for every count of
 the first frutes and tenth which shall be by the assent of the king
 ally and for ever shall be a court of record and shall be in the
 gation and made after such forme fashion and manner as shall be appointed
 by the kinges highnes and shall remaine and be observed hereafter that
 be declared. **A**lso be it enacted by authority aforesaid that there shall be one certain
 person to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes and his heirs and
 successors which shall be chancelor of the first frutes and tenth and shall be chief and
 principall officer of the same court and shall be called the chancelor of the
 first frutes and tenth and shall have the keeping of the said court to be
 assigned and for the said court. **A**lso be it enacted by authority aforesaid that there shall be one person
 to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes which shall be called the
 kinges treasurer of the first frutes and tenth and shall be the chief officer
 of the same court and that there shall be one person to be named in the same
 of this land to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes which shall
 be the kinges attorney of the first frutes and tenth and shall be the chief
 officer of the same court and that there shall be one person to be named by
 the kinges highnes which shall be named the kinges auditors of the
 first frutes and tenth and shall be officers of the same court. **A**nd
 that there shall be one Clerk to be named and assigned by the kinges high-
 nes to be clerk of the same court which shall make all bonds writtings
 and other judiciall proces and records and from the same court. **A**nd
 that there shall be one other person to be named and assigned by the
 kinges highnes which shall be called the messenger of the said court.
 And one other person to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes
 which shall be called the busier of the same court which messengers and
 busier and other of them shall have such and like profits and advanta-
 ges as the messenger and busier of the kinges duchy chamber at present
 have and receive. And the said Chancelor which shall be appointed
 by the kinges highnes shall take a opephor to be sworn the said Chancel-
 lours of England for the time being after the manner following.
 I shall forever that ye and I shall serve the king in the office
 of Chancelorship of the first frutes and tenth and shall minister equal
 justice to every one to the best of our knowing myght and power and
 shall diligently procure all thinges which maye benefit the kinges
 and profit and to the augmentation of the royalties
 and prerogatives of his Crowne and truly use the kinges seal, appon-

ted to your office: And also endeouore your selfe to the uttermoste of your power to se the kyng truly and iustly answered perely of all such rentes reuenues and profites which shall or may aryse growe or be due, to the kyng in your office: And from tyme to tyme deliuer with sped such as shal haue to dooe afoye you: And that ye shall not take nor receiue of any person any gifte or reward in any case or matter depending before you, wherein the kynges highnes shall be partie. wherby any preiudice hynde raunce losse or disherison shal growe or be to the kynges hyghnes. So help you god and al saintes.

Also the said treasurer shal take a corporall othe before the said chauncellour of the said court, accordyng to the tenour ensuyng. He shall sweare, that ye shall well and truly serue the kyng our soueraigne lord and hys people in thoffice of the treasurer of this court, and ye shal reasonably and honestly procure the kynges profyte and do ryght to all maner of people poore and riche in those thinges which touche your office and the kynges receipte of his money: He shal truly kepe dispend paie and deliuer a true declaracion and accompte therof shall make from tyme to tyme without any concelement accordyng to this act made for the stablyshement of this court: And further shall dooe every thyng that of right appertayneth to your office, so help you god al saintes.

Also the said attorney shal take a corporall, othe before the said chauncellour, accordyng to the tenour herafter ensuyng: He shall sweare that ye shall wel and truly serue the kyng as his attorney in all courtes for or concernyng any matter or cause that shal concerne or touch the rentes reuenues profytes or hereditamentes lymitted to the suruey and gouernance of this courte and procure the kynges profytte ther of. And that ye shal trewely counsaile the kyng and chauncellour of this courte in all thynges concernyng the same to the beste of your conyng wytte and power. And with all speede and dyligence from tyme to tyme at the callunge of the said chauncellour ye shall endeouore your selfe for the hearyng and determynacion in differently of such matters and causes as shal depende before the said chauncellour. And that ye shal not take any gifte or reward in any matter or cause depending in the same courtes or elles wher wherin the kyng shall be partie, wherby the kyngs maieste shal be hurted hyndered or disherited. And further ye shal do to your power witand conyng al and every thing that of right apperteyneth to your office so help you god and al saintes.

Also the said auditours and every of them shal take a corporall othe before the said chauncellour of the said courte after the tenour ensuyng: He shall sweare that ye truly shal serue the kyng in your office, & true allowances make to every person which shalbe acceptant before you. And you shal not take nor receiue of poore nor rich any gift or reward in any matter or cause depending or to be discusse in the same courtes, but such as shalbe ordinary apperteyning to your office, wherby, the kyng shalbe hurted hyndered or disherited.

discreted: And ye shall do every thinge whiche shall be apperteyninge to your office, so helpe you god and al sanctes,

¶ Item that the sayd clerke of the saide court shall take a corporall othe before the sayd chauncellour after the tenour ensuyng. He shall sweare, that ye shall well and truly serue the kyng in your office of clerke of the counsaile of this court and truly doe and execute all and every thinge and thinges which ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte so helpe you god and al sanctes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd that the sayd first frutes and tenth and al the reuenues and profite therof which now be or hereafter shall growe or be by any manour of meanes shall be from hence forth in the order suruey & gouernance of the court and mynisters of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd chauncellour in all places and the sayd treasurer attourney and auditours or two of them in the said court of the said chauncellour beyng absent, and also such commissioners deputies and substitutes, as the sayd chauncellour shall assigne appointe and depute in any shires or places of this realme shall haue power to compound and to take obligacions to the kinges yle of any person or persons, and of his sureties for the sure payement of the sayd first frutes or for any other cause or matter concernyng the pmisses determinable within the same court. And that al such obligacions & wryttinges obligatorye of what summe so euer they be shall be taken in maner and forme abovesayd and none otherwyse And shall be of the same strength force vertue qualite and effecte to al ententes and purposes as wryttinges obligatorye heretofore made by any lay person by auctoritie of the statute of the staple ben or ought to be: And that lyke proces and executions ther vpon shall be made out of the sayd court for the leuyng of the dettes due or hereafter to be due by vertue of the sayd wryttinges obligatorye against any person spiritual or temporal as hath ben accustomed to be made against any lay person vpon certificat of wryttinges obligatorye of the sayd statute of the staple: And that all obligacions hereafter to be taken concernyng the pmisses contrary to the tenour of this acte shall be void and of none effecte. And that no person shall be compelled to pay for any wrytyng obligatorye to be made for any cause touchyng the said court above. viii. d. and for any acquitaunce above. iiii. d. Also that the saide chauncellour for the tyme beyng shall haue full power and auctoritie to a warde vnder the seale to be appointed to the sayd court in the kynges name, such proces and preceptes with reasonable peines to be therein lynitted, as be now commonly used in the courts of the kynges duchy chambrle of Lancastre beyng as well agaynst every person and persons what so euer they be for and concerning the interest right and title of the kynges maistie his heires and successours of or for any suches reuenues profits accompt receit or other cause in any wise touchyng or concernyng any thinge appoynted to the order and suruey of the said court or any part thereof for & on the behalfe of our sayd

sayd soueraigne lord the kyng or of or for any dette ryng and growyngs by occasion of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by thaurtytie abovesayd that the sayd treasurer at requyre and auditor shal diligently from tyme to tyme attende vppon the sayd chancellour in the sayd court for the hearing and orderyng of matters and causes in the same court for the tyme of the iudgement of the pte finally kepte for the law at westm. and procure wth al diligence that al dettes duties and other profits being in the suruey & gouernance of the sayd court, shalbe truly and iustly paid and answered to the said treasurer of the sayd court, to the vse of the kynges highnes without concealyng any parte thereof And shal also cause and procure processe to be made agaynst such as shal be in debeted to the kyngs highnes and their sureties of ans for any parte thereof from tyme to tyme as the tyme or case shal requyre without any delay.

¶ And be it further enacted by thaurtytie abovesaid that the saide clerke partycular messenger and husber and euery of them shal vppon reasonable waiting at al times and places from tyme to tyme geue attendaunce vppon the sayd chancellour for the tyme beinge, for the due execution and expedition of the premises without any delay vpon suche peines as shal be assessed by the kynges maieste vppon information thereof geuen bi the said chancellour to his highnes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite abovesayd that if any of þ sayd officers appointed for the same court do conceale or withdraue willyngely any dettes duties tenthes revenues or other profute falling growyng or comyng to the kyng by reason of the first frutes and tenth or by reason of any other thing appoynted by this act to be within the suruey and order of the said court that then the said officer and officers so offending shal lose to the kyng our said soueraigne lord the double value of the thinge so concealed or withdrauen.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite abovesayd, that the sayd treasurer for the tyme being shal haue auctorite by this act to geue his acquitaunce of and for such money and obligation as he shal receiue of them to the kynges vse for and concerning the first tenthes and tenth and other things appoynted to the order of the said court: And that this said acquitaunce shal be from henceforth a sufficient acquitaunce and discharge aswel for the discharge of the parties agaynst the kynges highnesse his heires and successors for paiement of so much money, as also to the auditor for the tyme being and to euery of them for making due allowaunce of the same. And that any acquitaunce hereafter to be made concernyng the premises, by any person or persons contrary to the tenour forme and effect of thys pte sente act shalbe voyde and of none effect.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite abovesayd that the sayd treasurer before the twenty dai of March next after the feast of sainct Michell the changel shal perely declare truly hys whole accompte to the said chancel
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four and auditors or to the sayd chauncellours and one of the said auditors, which chauncellour and auditors or chauncellour and one of the sayd auditors shal by this acte have auctorite to take and determine the same accompte before the laste day of July next ensuyng: upon whiche determination of accopt the sayd treasurer within one moneth next ensuyng the determination of the sayd accompt, shall truly content and pay to the kynges vse all such summes of money by hym receyved as shall appere to be due to the kynges highnes and vnpaid upon the same accompte, after whiche determination the said auditors or one of them, shall engrosse the same in to parchemyn, and the same so engrossed shall retorne into the office of the sayd court of the first fruts and tenth before the last day of february next after the determination of the same accompte ther for to remaine as the kynges recordes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite abovesayd that the sayd treasurer from tyme to tyme upon this accompte shal be allowed as twel of such fees as shall be limited unto hym for the exercise of hys office as of and for all suche summes of mony as he shal pay to any patentie or patenties of any offes se or annuities that shal be graunted or grue under the seale of the said court and also of al such money as he shal pay to any other person or persons by vertue of the kynges warrant or bil assigned and also of all summes of money as he shalbe commanded to pay by any byl assigned or subscribed by the hand of the sayd chauncellour for the tyme being, upon such considerations, as shalbe thought convenient by his discrecion, of or for any cause thynge or matter concerning the sayd court what so ever it shalbe and that the sayd auditors or one of them taking accountes of the sayd treasurer shal have auctorite and power to allowe to the said treasurer the premisses and every parte of them.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd that all maner of processe that shall be made out of the kynges exchequer or out of any other court other than the court made by auctorite of this present acte, to or against any person and persons for any dette tenth the issues and ppyttes concerning the premisses or any partie therof, from henceforth to be due limited by this acte to be in the surney order and governance of the sayd court made by this acte and ministers therof shall be clerely boide and of none effecte to al intentes and purposes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd that the sayde chauncellour and officers of the sayd court shal take such and lyke fees for the seales and wrytinges to be made a graunted out of the sayd court at the sute of the parties if any such happen to be, and for apparances as the chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster and officers ther conveniently vse to take for the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd that if any person or persons called by the kynges proces of the same court to appere at westin in the same court within the terme at a certan day to hym presyred in the proces

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appeere and have a day given in the sayd court to make answer to the matters against them objected in the same court on the kinges behalf. Depart the court before answer made, and attorney put into the court, with the assent of the court for prosecuting the matter with effect, shal forthwith to the kinges grace his heires and successors such fine as shal be upon hym set for his contempt and offence in that behalf, as the sayd chancellour treasurer and attorney of the sayd court or two of them shal thinke convenient by their discretions, to be levied of his lande and tementies goods and cattels to the kinges use. And in case the party, to whom any such process shalbe directed, do make default at the first day of his appearance: that than attachment shal be awarded out of the said court, directed to the sherriff of such countie, as it shal seme to the sayd chancellour most expedient, to attach the body of the same person making default as is above said and to bring his body into the said court at such day, within any of the next termes, as unto the sayd chancellour for the time being shal be thought convenient by his discretion.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauhtourty aforesayd, that as many accouptes of the first fruites and tenth, as ben clerely accounted and not returned into the kinges eschequer, & also as many other accouptes of the said first fruites and tenth as ben not fully accounted and engrossed, shal be engrossed and returned within two yeres next ensuing, into the sayd court of the first fruites and tenth, there to remaine as the kinges records. And that the chancellour and auditor of the sayd court for the time being, shal have full authority and power to here examine, and determine al and al maner of accouptes heretofore made concerning the said first fruites & tenthes.

¶ And forasmuch as divers religious houses within this realme and other the kinges dominions be now dissolved, and the possessions thereof lawfully comen unto the kinges handes, & other, by his graces gift bargain, graunt and assignement, by reason wherof, and reason of intertifficat of the said possessions, and of the tenth concerning as wel the same possessions, as other possessions of spiritual persons into the kinges eschequer, the archbishops, bishops, and other accomptantes upon their accouptes be and of long time have bene greatly charged, vexed, and troubled. For remedy wherof be it enacted by the authority aforesayd, that the originall of the certificat of the whole tenth certified into the kinges eschequer, and al other records there concerning the same shalbe delivered into the said court of the first fruites & tenth, there to remaine as the kinges records. And that the said chancellour shal have full power and authority by virtue of this acte from time to time to write under the seale of office appointed to the sayd court, unto the sherriff & barons of the said eschequer, & also unto all other officers & ministers of all the kinges courtes for to certify any matter of record or other sufficient cause remaining of ore the concerning the premises for the true profit and repai thereof into the sayd court of first fruites & tenth. And the said chancellour treasurer & auditor or

And shew, upon a certificate thereof, or els upon the examination of witnesses to be taken as well by commission as otherwys, or by other sufficient proof or discharge, alledged shewed and proved afore them by the said archbishops, bishops or other accomptantes, shal by thauhtonly afore sayde have full power and auctorite by their discretions to make allowance de falsacion, discharge, and full determination unto them and every of the in his or they sayde accomptes concerning the premises, accordynge as of right appertayneth.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauhtonly afore sayd, that al summes of money hereafter to be payed by any archbishop, bishop, or other person or persons chargeable to or with the collector, leuying, or receipt of the tenth graunted to the kinges byghnes by auctorite of the sayd act therof made in the sayd xxvi. yere of his most noble reigne, shal from henceforth for ever be payd to the Tresorier of the said court of the first frutes and tenth at such dayes and times as is limited and appoynted in the sayd act, and to nothe other person nor persons. And that if any payment or paymentes thereof, hereafter be otherwys made without the kinges byghnesse special assignement or warrant in writing therof made: That then the sayd payment or paymentes shal be voyd and of none effecte.

¶ And it is also enacted by thauhtonly afore sayd, that al certificates hereafter to be made, by any archbishop or bishop, or by any other person or persons limited and charged to the collector, a payment of the said tenth by thauhtonly of the sayd acte, of the graunt thereof to our said sovereign lord the kinges maiesty, shal from henceforth for ever be made and certified into the sayd court of first frutes and tenth, as they should or ought before the making of this acte, to have bene made and certified into the kinges exchequer, by auctorite of the sayd acte of the graunt of the said first frutes and tenth, and that the same certificates, and every of them so hereafter to be made and certified into the said court shalbe a stand of such like strength and effecte to all ententes and purposes, as they and every of them should have bene if they had ben certified and made into the kinges sayd court of Exchequer, before the making of this acte. And that upon all certificates hereafter to be made into the sayd court of first frutes and tenth, process shal be made out of the sayd court by the discretion of the chauceillour of the sayd court for the time being, for the leuying and true contentacion and payment of the kinges duties in that behalf, in such wyse as the kinges byghnesse may be truly satisfied therof of those persons that shal be chargeable therewith by the auctorite of the said acte of the graunt of the said first frutes and tenth and al certificates hereafter to be made concerning any the premises into the kinges Exchequer, shalbe voyd and of none effecte.

¶ PROVIDED THAT this acte or any article stand or shal stand therein contayned, extende not to any rentes or tithes now payable to

to be paid to the kinges court of the Augmentacions of the revenues of his crowne, by reason of any the kinges graces letters patented under of any manner of other title.

And also the kinges court of the kinges houses. Cap. xlv.

INASMUCH as the kinges highnes hath bene heretofore and hereafter is like to be poverly supplied of great crimes, reuelacions, and offences, which to his maiesty both of shall grates, as well by reason of such persons as haue bene or hereafter shalbe in ward to his highnes, as also by mean of idoles and foolcs naturall, now remaining or being or that hereafter shal remaine or be in his graces custody, as also for licences to marry made and to be made to women being his graces widows, and fines made for them for marieng without his graces licence: At which the premises of right appertaineth to his maiesty, in the right of the imperial crowne of this realme. For the more safety & establishment wherof, to the intent the kinges maiesty his heires & successours shalbe the better served in obtaining or having of the custody of the bodies of his highnes wardes, and their honours, manours, landes, tenements, and hereditamentes into his graces custody and gouernance. During the minority of such wardes, and also shal pety as well truly answered contented and paid of for the sale of the bodies of the wardes, and the landes bargained for them, during the said minority, and of other the premises as of the reueses, fermes, tithes and profits rising comming and growing, of which hereafter shal rise and growe, of all and singular the castelles, manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes, belonging & whiche heretofore shal rise and belong to the king his heires & successours, by reason of the sayd wardes and other the premises, in such court place maner forme and condicion as hereafter shalbe limited declared & appointed. Be it enacted ordeyned and established by the assent of the kinges maiesty, his lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, in maner and forme as hereafter foloweth in articles, that is to say.

¶ First the kinge our sayd soueraine lord, by the auctorite aforesaid, ordeyneth maketh establisheth and erecteth a certaine court, commonly to be called for ever the court of the kinges wards, which court shal be auctorite aforesaid continually and for ever shalbe a court of record, and shal haue one seal to be engraved and made after such forme facion and maner as shalbe appointed by the kinges highnes, and shal remaine and be ordeyned as hereafter shalbe declared.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that there shalbe one certayne person to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes his heires and successours, which shalbe master of the same court, & shalbe chiefe and principal officer of the same court, and shalbe called master of the

wardes, and shal haue the keeping of the sayd seale, to be assigned for the sayd court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauentury aforesayd, that there shal be one pers^{on} to be learned in the lawes of this land, to be named & assigned by the kinges highnes, which shal be called the kinges attorney of the sayd court, and shalbe the second officer of the same court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauentury aforesayd, that there shalbe one pers^{on} to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called the kinges receyuer general of the landes of his wardes, and shalbe the third officer of the same court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauentury aforesayd, that there shal be thre persons to be named by the kinges highnes, whiche shalbe called the iudges of the landes of his graces wardes, and shalbe called the fourth officer of the same court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauentury aforesayd, that there shalbe thre clerkes to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes, to be clerkes of the sayd court, whiche shal make all indentours bargainers, and leases to be made and graunted of the kinges wardes landes, record all apparances, and make al ordinarie processe and entrees, out and from the sayd court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauentury aforesayd, that there shal be one other pers^{on} to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes, which shalbe the messenger of the sayd court. And an other pers^{on} to be named & assigned by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called the husher of the same court, whiche messenger and husher and eyther of them, shal haue such and like profits and auountages as the messenger and vsher of the kinges duchy chamber at westm. haue and perceyue.

¶ Also the sayd master of the kinges wardes, which shal be appointed by the kinges highnes shal take a corporal othe afore the lord chancelour of England, for the tyme being, after the tenour ensuing.

¶ We shall sweare, that ye wel and trulye shal serue the king in the offyce of the maister of the kinges wardes, and shal minister equal iustice to rich and poore, to the best of your cunning witte, and power, and that ye shall diligently procure al thinges, which may honestly and iustly be to the kinges aduantage and profit, and to the augmentation of the rightes & prerogatiues of his crowne, & truly vse the kings seale appointed to your office and also endenour your selfe to furthermost of your power, to be the king truly and iustly answered perely of all suche requestes, reuenues, issues, and profits, which shal or may arise growe, or be due to the king in payre of fyne, and for tyme to tyme deliver with speede such as shal haue to do afore you. And that ye shal not takenor receiue of any personne any gifts or rewardes in any case or matter dependyng before you, or wherewith the kinges highnes shal be party, wherby any preiudice, losse, hinderance or dissencion shal growe or be to the kinges highnes, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also the said attorney shal take a corporal othe before the said maister of the

the wardes, according to the tenour ensuing. Ye shal sweare that ye well and truly shal serve the king as his attorney, in all courtes for and concerning any matter or cause that shal concerne the possessions and hereditaments limited to the surety and governance of this court, and procure the kinges profite thereof. And that ye shal truly countrayle the king and the mayster of this court, in all thinges concerninge the same to the best of your conyng wytt and power. And wryth all speche and bylgence, from tyme to tyme at the callinge of the sayde mayster: ye shal endeavour your selfe for the heryng and determination indifferently of suche matters and causes, as shal depend before the sayde mayster. And that ye shal not take any gift or reward in any matter or cause depending in the same court or elles where, toherin the king shalbe partye, toherby the kinges mayesty shal be hurted or hindered or otherwise. And further ye shal do to your power wit and connyng al and every thinge that shal appertayne to your office. So helpe you god and al saintes.

¶ Also the said receivour general shal take a corporall othe before the sayd maister of the sayd court, according to the tenour ensuing: ye shal sweare, that ye shal well and truly serve the kyng our sovereygne lord, and his people in the office of the general receivour of this court. And ye shal reasonably and honestly procure the kinges profite, and do right to al maner of people poore and rich in those thinges which touch your office: the kinges receipt of his money, you shal truly kepe dispende paye and deliver and true declaration and accompte thereof shal make from tyme to tyme withoute any contelement accordinge to this acte, made for the establisshement of this court. And further shal do every thinge that of ryght appertayneth to your office, so helpe you god and al saintes.

¶ Also the sayd auditors shal take a corporall othe before the sayd maister after the tenour ensuing: ye shal sweare that ye truly shal serve the kyng in your office, a true allowaunce make to every person, which shalbe accompted before you, and you shal not take or receyve of poore nor rich any gift or reward in any matter or cause depending, as to be distrusted in the same court but such as shalbe ordinary appertayning to your office, toherby the king shal be hurted hindered or otherwise, and ye shal do all and every thinge, which shalbe appertaining to your office, so helpe you god and al saintes.

¶ Also al particular auditors, that shal belong and be appointed to the sayd court, shal take a like corporall othe before the said maister of the wardes: ye shal sweare, as is before in the next article.

¶ Also all particular receivours appointed by the sayd maister attorney, receivour generall, and auditors or the vertue of theyn, wherof the maister is before, to receyve any revenues and profits within the surety of the same court, shal take a corporall othe before the sayde maister of the wardes after the tenour ensuing: ye shal sweare, that ye truly shal serve the king in your office, and nothing conveie: but true accomptes make of all such revenues, sales, liverys of money, or other profits, wherwith ye shal be

laboufully charged by reason of your office, ye shal make no petition of asse-
allowance but such as shalbe good, iust true and reasonable, and also coul-
content and pay to the kinge all such summes of money as shal come to
your handes: and so shal do all and every thing and thinges, to whiche ye
ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fouerth and effect of
this acte, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also the said clerkes of the counsell of the sayd court and every of them
shal take a corporall othe before the sayd mayster, after the fouerth ensuing.
He shal sweere that ye shall well and truly serve the kinge in your offices
of clerkes of the counsell of this court, and truly do and execute all and eve-
ry thing and thinges which ye ought to do by reason of your office, accord-
ing to the fouerth and effect of this acte, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also that all sutors and feodaries, that shalbe appointed by the said
mayster attorney receiver general, and auditors of the said court as the
or two of them, wherof the mayster to be one, shall take a corporall othe be-
fore the sayd mayster. He shal sweere, &c. vi in proximo articulo precedentis.

¶ Also be it enacted by authority aforesayd, that al wardes which the kin-
ges highnes now is or hereafter shal be entred to have to their manors,
landes tenementes rentes remembres, reuercions, seruities, and al other
hereditamentes what so ever they be, as well in possession as in reuercion
or al reuercions, issues and profits of the same, & every parte thereof for the
time the same shalbe ought to be in the kinges possession, shalbe in the
disposicion and governance of the said court and the ministers of the same
in manner and forme as by this acte is declared and limited.

¶ Also be it enacted by the authority aforesayd that the sayd mayster of the
wardes, attorney, receiver general and auditors or any of them, wher-
of the sayd mayster shalbe one for the time being, shall have authority to
make sale and graunt of the kinges wardes and every of them from time
to time, and of such parte and porcion of the landes in possession and reuer-
cion or any of them during the minority and nonage of the same wardes,
that shalbe to solde or graunted and as long as the same landes and reuer-
cion shal remaine or be in the kinges handes, as they shal thinke most con-
venient: The same sale and graunt to passe by the kinges byll assigne
whiche byll assigne shal be warrant sufficient to the chancellor of England
for the time being, to make for the the kinges letters patentes under the
great seale of England, according to the tenor of the same byll, payinge
for the same al and singular the fees for seales and writings, as heretofore
for such bene sold & accustomed to be payed for the same in the chancery
and to the signet and privy seale, and to every of them.

¶ Also be it enacted by the authority aforesayd that the sayd mayster of the
wardes for the time being, with the assent of the said attorney receiver gen-
eral or one of them, shal have authority without the kinges byll assigne
to make moventes to the kinges byll of al such wardes wher any of the kin-
ges wardes landes, being in possession in the kinges possession, & to take a po-

poynnt timber for the necessary reparacions of al the castels manors, landes tenementes and parkes of the sayd wardes and shal also have like power and auctorite in the kinges name to make leases during the minoritye of the sayd wardes: and further as is above witten by their discretions of al a singular lordships, manors, landes, and tenementes remaining in the kinges handes and possession, belonging to the sayde wardes and every parcel therof, pelding to the kinges highnes his heires and successors such rentes, as by the said maister of the wardes attourney, receivour generall and auditours or tyme of them, wherof the sayde maister to be one, shalbe thought convenient by their discretions and survey.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctory aforesayd, that the sayd maister of the wardes for the tyme being shal have auctoryte by this acte to make and appoint al and singular particular receivours, frobaries, and surceyours, in every shyre, and also fees for the executing of the same under the seale of the same office, in such wise as the same officers may be alwayes remouable at the discretion of the sayd court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctory aforesayd, that the sayd maister of the wardes for the tyme being shal have auctoryte by this acte to make also vice likehoise of the colles of al commissioners, particular receivours, surceyours, auditours, counsaillours, and frobaries, and every of them, by his byll assigned, which by shalbe warrant sufficient to the auditours belonging to the same office, to make due allowance of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoryte aforesayd, that the sayd maister of the wardes in al places, and the sayd attourney receivour generall and auditours, or two of them in the sayd court, the sayd maister being absent shal have power and auctoryte to take obligations to the kinges use of every particular receivour, which shalbe assigned for the sayd court, and of hys successe for sure payment of his receiptes: And also to take obligations to the kinges use, aswel of every farmour bailif, vne or other accomptantes, for the true payment of their receiptes, and of every person and personnes which shal be indebted to the kinges byghnes for any arrearges of his, or their receiptes, fermes or charges as of any other person or persons for any other cause or matter concerning the ppeundies, determinable within the same court. And that all suche obligations and writings obligatory, of what summe so ever they be, shal be of the same strength, vertue, force, qualyte, and effect to al ententes and purposes, as writings obligatory hereto fore made by any laye person by auctoryte of the Statute of the Staple, here or ought to be. And that upon certifficat hereafter to be made in the kinges Chaucerye of anye such writings obligatory, to be taken for such payments, if he process and executions shalbe thereupon had and made against any person spiritual and temporal, as hath bene accustomed to be made against any laye person, upon certifficat of writings obligatory, of the said Statute of the Staple.

¶ Also that the sayd maister of the wardes, for the tyme being shal have full

ful power and auctority to award under the seale to be appoynted to the sayd court in the kynges name, such processe and preceptes wth reasonable paynes to be therein limited, as be now commonly used in the court of the kynges duchy chambrle of Lancaster, being at westminster, agaynst every person or persons what soever they be, for and concerning the interest, right and title of the kynges maiesty his heires and successours of in or for any wardes, landes tenementes, rentes, accomptes, receypt, seruices or other cause in any wise touching or concerning any thing appoynted to the order of the sayd court, or any part therof, for and on the behalfe of our sayd soueraigne lord the king, or to or for any debte rising and growing by occasion of the same.

Also be it enacted by th^a auctorite aforesayd that the said attourney, receiver generall and auditours, shal diligently from time to time attende vpon the sayd maister in the said court for the heering and ordering of matters and causes in the same court, for the tyme of foure termes of the year usually kept for the law at westm. and procure wth all diligence, that all rentes, termes, profites casualties improvements and other emoluments of the wardes, marriages, ideottes, and of al manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, being in the suruey and gouernance of the sayd court, shal be truly and iustly payed and answered to the said receiuer generall of the said court, to the vse of the kynges highnes, without concealing any part therof. And shal also cause and procure processe to be made agaynst such as shal be indebted to the kynges highnes and their successours of and for any part therof from time to time, as the time and case shal require without any delay.

And be it enacted by th^a auctorite aforesayd that the sayd clerkes particular receiueurs auditours surueyours, messanger and tithier and euery of them, shal vpon reasonable warninge geue at all times and places from tyme to tyme attendance vpon the sayd maister for the tyme beinge, for due execution and expedition of the premisses without delaye, vpon such paynes as shal be assessed by the kynges maiesty, vpon information therof geuen by the sayd maister to his highnes.

Also be it enacted by th^a auctorite aforesayd, that if any of the sayd officers appointed for the same court, do conceale or withholden willingly any rentes, reuenues casualties, or other profites, falling growing or coming to the king by the minority of any of his graces wardes, or by reason of any other thing appointed by this acte of the said court: that the officers so offending shal lose to the king our said soueraigne lord, the double value of the thing concealed or withholden.

Also be it enacted by th^a auctorite aforesayd, that the auditours general of the wardes landes & euery of the for the tyme being, shal haue auctorite to examine & accomptes of al particular accomptances taken by any particular auditor or auditours, vpon any part of the wardes landes & other lands and of other things appointed by this act to the order of the said court, and to al
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joyne and dischaige in all that shal be reasonable, within the said accompt as largely as to the said master of & warden, attorney, receiver general and auditor or all of them, wherof the said master to be one, shal be thought expedient and necessary. And that every of the said particular accompters for the yere to be ended at the feast of saint Michael thair bigel yerely for ever, shal make and finish his accompt, & certify the same into the said court, before the first day of February next after the same feast ensuing, and within thre monethes next after the said accompters, to make full payment to the receiver general of the said court, of all such summes of money as shal appere to be due to the king by the same accompt.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the said receyver general for the time being, shal have auctorite by this acte, to geve bys acquitance or and for such money and obligacions as he shal receyve of them to the kinges use, for the wardes landes, ideottes landes, and other thinges appoynted to the said court. And that his sayde acquitance shal be from henceforth sufficient acquitance and discharge, as well for the discharge of the parties agaynst the kinges highnes his heires and successours, for payment of so much money as also to the auditor for the time being for making due allowaunce of the same.

¶ Also be it ordeyned by the auctorite aforesayd, that the sayde receyver general, before the xx. day of Marche, next after the feast of saint Michael shal thairchangel shal yerely declare truly his whole accompt to the said master of the wardes, attorney, and to one or both of the sayde auditors general, of the wardes landes, which master attorney, and one or both of the said auditors, shal by this act have auctorite to take & determine the same accompt before the last day of July next ensuing, upon whiche determination of accompt the said receyver general within one moneth next ensuing the determination of the same accompt, shal truly consent and pay to the kinges use, all such summes of money as shal appere to be due to the kinges highnes and unpaid byon the sayd accompt.

After whiche determination, the sayd auditor shal engrosse the same into parchment, and the same so engrossed shal retorne into the office of & warden before the last day of February next after the determination of the same accompt, there to remaine as the kinges recordes.

¶ Also be it enacted by thair auctorite aforesayd, that the particular auditors and other officers, counsellours, & ministers of the same court for the time being, shal yerely perceyve and take by the handes of the sayd receyver general, particular receyvers and al other officers and ministers accomptant al and singular such diettes retowrdes, profites and commodites, as well for thair attendaunce byon the sayd master for the time being, and for making of bookes, declarations and values as for other matters counceiles, and causes, of for and concerning the sayd court, and also for expences, costs and charges of the said auditors and particular receyvers and every of them, yerely subing thair severall circuits and limitacion, in

as ample and large manner & forme, as to the said master of the ward & attorney, receiver general & auditors of the (whereof the said master to be one) shalbe thought convenient to be appointed by their discretions.

¶ Also be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said general receiver from time to time upon his accounts, shal be allowed aswell of such fees as shalbe limited unto him for the exercise of his office, as of and for all such summes of money as he shal pay to any patentee or patentees of any office, fee, annuity, that shalbe granted or given under the seal of the said court, and also of all such money as he shal pay to any other person or persons by vertue of the kinges warrant or by assigned. And also of all such summes of money as he shal be commanded to pay by any byl assigned or subscribed by the hand of the said master for the time being, w^{ch} such considerations as shalbe thought convenient by his discretions, as well for the finding & exhibicion of the kinges wardes in his graces custody, as of for any other cause thing or matter concerning the said court of the wardes whatso ever it shalbe. And that the said auditors taking accounts of the said receiver general, & of any of the said particular receivers shal have power & authority to allowe to the said receiver general the premises and every part of them. And also to allowe to every particular receiver, & other acceptantes aswell their fees wages & al other such summes of money as they or any of them shal pay of for in and about any buildings or reparacions of the wardes landes to be made upon any warrant to be directed from the said court, as all other honest petitions and allowances, in as large and ample manner as the sayd master of the wardes attorney and auditors, or two of them, wherof the said master to be one, shal thinke most expedient.

¶ Also be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that al manner of proces that shalbe made out of the kinges eschequer, to or against any person or persons for any fines, rentes issues or profits, concerning the premises or any part thereof, or any other thing limited in this act, to be in the survey order and government of the said court and the ministers thereof, shalbe clerely void and of none effecte to al intentes and purposes.

¶ Also be it ordeyned and enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the money and obligations taken for money by the said master for the sale of the kinges wardes, and other thinges appointed by this act to the order of the said court, and also the money and obligations taken for money by the said receiver general for the kinges rentes, and for widowes, fines for theyr licence to marry, and other casualties of the wardes landes forests landes, issues profits and debts, & arerise growynge to the kinges highnesse by reason of the premises, shal be yearly paid and delivered in the handes of the treasurer of the kinges chamber for the time being or elles where, to whom it shal please the kinges highnesse, his heires & successors to give authority by commission under his great seal, to receive the same. And that a byl subscribed with hand of the said treasurer or other

other commissioner, shalbe a sufficient acquittance & discharge to the mayster and receyvor upon al and every payment by them to be made, and also to the auditors there for the allowance of the same. And that the same maister and receyvor general, shal once in the yere declare unto the kinges maieste the profites and estate of the sayd officer.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the said maister and officers of the sayd court, shal take such & like fees for the scales and wrytynges to be made and graunted out of the sayd court, at the suite of the parties, as they nowe vse to take, that is to say, for the fees of all processe of the suite of the parties under the pryvy seale of the sayd court. ii. s. vi. d. And for the fees of al commissions directed out at the suite of the parties ii. s. vi. d. And for recording of al apparauces. iiii. d. and no more.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the sayde maister, by the advise of the sayd attorney receyvor general and auditors and thre of them, wherof the sayd maister to be one of the, shal have auctorite by this acte to suruey all the kinges widowes, and to treate comon and conclude as wel with al and every of the kinges widowes that nowe be as that hereafter shalbe, and that haue married the selues without the kinges licence, as that hereafter shal happen to mary them selues without the kinges licence, for their reasonable fines to be made to the kinges vse, and to take and assesse the same by their discrecion, according to the statute of *Preco-gativa regis* the same fines to be paid to the receyvor general of the wardes landes, as the same may appere verely in his accompte.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the said maister by the advise of the sayd attorney receyvor general and auditors, or thre of them, shal have auctorite by this acte, to suruey, governe and order al and singular theottes and natural foolles, now being in the kinges handes or that hereafter shal come and be in the kinges handes: And also to suruey and order al the manours landes tenementes, and other hereditamentes whatsoever now being in the kinges handes, or in the handes of anye other person or persons, so their vles, or to the vse of any of them that hereafter shal come and be in the kinges handes his heires and successours in the right of any of them, by reason of his graces prerogative royal: And also by the advise of the sayd attorney receyvor general and auditors, or thre or two of them, to let and set the manours landes and tenementes to the kinges vse for the time of the kinges interest, for such rent and fine as by their discrecion shalbe thought convenient: The finding and keeping of the said persons, their wives and children, and the reparacions of their houses & landes alway to be considered in the doing thereof, the same rents & fines returned to the kinges grace to be paid always to the handes of the receyvor general of the wardes landes for the time being, as the same may appere in his accompte, and be recorded in the court of wardes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd that the minister of the kinges lynes shal passe no livery with any person or persons, that be or shal be

hence on hereafter shalbe the kinges wardes, unto such time they shal receive knowlage from the court of the kinges wardes, what tale the accompters tenants & fermours of the wardes landes stand in with the kinges highnesse, and what curtic and odyer is taken therfore, and for the rates to the kinges use. And that every warde having his livery, shal within xx. monethes next after the livery had being the same livery to the auditors of the wardes for the time being, or to one of them, to have the summe there enrolled for the discharge of the landes against the kinges highnesse, according to the tenour of the sayd livery, and shal pay for the intollement thereof such reasonable summe of money as shal be appointed by the sayd mayor of the wardes: so that it exceede not the summe of x s.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that al and every person and personnes, to whom the luges highnes shall graunt the custodie and wardeship of any his graces wardens, shal upon his bill assigned thereof, sue forth his patent within thre monethes nexte after the assignement of the sayd bill, or els the same bill and the effect thereof to be devayle, voyde and of no force.

CAlso be it enacted by the authority aforesayde, that the generall receyvers and chiefe auditors of the said court for the time being, shal yearly perceive & take as wel by the handes of the general receyver, as by the handes of all and singular particular receyvers and all other officers and ministers accompanie within the surty of the sayd court for the time being, all and singular such summes of money for such like diettes, rewarded profits and commodities, as wel for theyr attendaunces upon the sayd court, and for making and writing of bookes, declarations and values, as for theyr expenses, costes, and charges of the same generall receyver and auditors and every of them, for the time being, yerely & dyngge theyr severall circuits and limittes, in as large and ample maner and fourme as shal be appoynted by the sayd mayster of the wardes and attourney of the said court by their discrecions. And that the said auditors for the time being shal have power and auctorite yerely from time to time to allowe the same

¶ And also be it enacted by chauntreys aforesaid, that as many accoptes of the kinges wardens landes, theortis landes, wardes for mariage of widowes, and licences for the same, as ben clerely accompted and not returned into the kinges chequer, and also as many other accomptes of the warden landes, theortis landes, fines for mariage of widowes, and licences for the same, as ben not yet fully accompted and engrossed, shal be engrossed and returned within this yere next coming into the office of the warden, there to remain as the kinges receyves. And that the kinges highest barons, general of his graces landes, a nobilis of his graces landes, landes and every of them, shal be therof discharged against the kinges majesty, of and for the returne of the same accoptes into his graces chequer. Any acte statute or ordinance heretofore made to the contrary in any point

notwithstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted and stablyshed by thauctourty aforesayd, that the sayd master of the wardes for the time being shal haue auctourtye by this acte, with the aduise of the attourney & receuour general of the same court or one of them, to call at all tymes before theym into the office of the wardes by the proces of the same court, al and every person and persons towhich is or hath bene the kinges warde, intruding or entring into or vpon his or theys landes, or vpon any parte therof, after his or their full age of xxi. yeres, and before that he or they haue sworn, and obtained lixerpe or suffer le make, for the same, out of þe kinges handes, vnder his great scale aduel to make amends for his or their intrusion vpon the kinges posselli on, as to make payment to the kinges receuour general of the same office as all such rentes issues and profits by him or theym taken at any time after his or theys sayd ful age of xxi. yeres, and before lixerpe such for þe same out of the kinges handes in fourme aforesayd.

¶ And be it enacted by thauctourty aforesayd, that if any persn or persons, called by the kinges processe of the same court to appere at wdesm in the same court, within the terme at a certayne daye to him prefixed in the processe to appere, and haue day geuen in court, to make answer to the matters, agaynst him objected in the same court, on the kinges behalfe depart the court before answer made, and attourney put into the court with assent of the court for the prosecuting the matter with effect, shal forsaite to the kinges grace his heires and successours such fine as shal be set vpon him for his contemnt and offence in that behalfe, as the sayd master attourney & receuour general or two of the shal thinke aduenient by their discretions to be leuied of his landes & tementes goods & cattails to the kinges use.

¶ It is ordeined alway and be it enacted by thauctourty aforesayd, that John Percin whiche by the kinges letters patentes hath bene heretofore and nowe is auditor of his graces wardes landes, shal continue and be one of the two auditors in this acte before mencioned during the terme of his natural life. Any rying contayned in this acte to the contrary in any toyle notwithstanding.

¶ An acte that the bishop of Exeter shalbe charged with the collection of the kinges tenth in his dioces. Cap. xliii.

Vhere in the parliament holden in the five and twenty yere of our soveraigne lord the kyng that nothe is, amonges other it was ordeyned and enacted, that the kinges, mayntly his heyres and successours kinges of this realme, for more augmentacion & mainenance of the real estate of his imperial crowne and dignite of supremacie of the church of England, should yerely take have, enioy and receyue bristed and hys to his imperial crowne for ever, one yerely cent of persoun amounting to the value of the tenth part of al the revenues, rentes termes riches offerings, emolumentes, and of al other profytes as wel called spiritual as temporal than

thing appertaining or belonging, or that after that time should belong to any archbishopricke bishopricke, abbey monastery, priory, archdeaconry, deanry, hospital colledge house collegiat prebend, cathedral church collegiate church, conventuall church personage, vicarage, chaunterye, free chapel or other benefice or promotion spiritual of what name nature or qualitie so ever they were within any dioces of this realme or in townes.

The sayd pension or annual rent to be yerely payd for ever to our sayd soveraine lord to his heires and successours kinges of this realme at þe feast of the nativite of our lord god, whiche then shoulde be in the yere of our lord god. m. d. xxv. and to be payd yerely by such as shoulde be appointed to have the collection thereof by the sayde acte, in suche maner and sortine as hereafter shuld be limited by the sayd acte before the first day of apill yerely next ensuing after the sayd feast of the nativite of our lord god.

And that every archbishop and bishop then being or that hereafter shuld be charged and chargeable to levy, collect, and receive within their proper dioces, as wel in places exempt as not exempt, all suche summes of money toherewith the dignities benefices and other promotions spiritual afore named within theyr dioces chargeable by the sayd acte, shuld be set taxed, and charged towards the paymēt of the said yerely pension, and shold pay and content the sayd summes of money yerely before the first day of April to the treasurer of the kynges chamber for the tyme being, or to any other person or persons, whom it shoulde please the kinges highnes to appoynte to receyve the same. And that every of the sayd archbishops and bishops, their executors and administrators, and the possessions of theyr dignities, and churches, shoulde stand charged and chargeable for the sure payment of such summes of money as they shoulde collect and receyve of the sayde yerely rent and pension as by the sayd acte more playnly it both appeare.

And by like acte of parliament holden in the xxv. yere of our sayd soverain lordes reigne, the byshoppe of Norwiche that now is and his successours were clerely acquyted and discharged of and for the collection of the sayd yerely tenth, that was then or shoulde be due and leviabie to the kinges vñe within his said dioces of Norwiche, of any perso or persons or bodies politike or corporate chargeable to the yerely paymēt of þe said tenth, the acte made for the same collection of tenth to the contrary notwithstanding as by the same acte it woll also appere. But forasmuch as the kinges highnes in recompence of divers and sundry lordshippes and manours parcell of the sayd bishopricke geven unto his grace by acte of parliament hath united and knit to the see of the sayd bishopricke of Norwiche the monastery of Saint Bennets with divers other possessions being of a greater yerely valu thā the sayd lordshippes and manours so to his grace geven were: It maye be by chauctority of this present parliament ordeined & enacted, that from hence forth the byshoppe of Norwiche, that now is and his successours, byshoppes there, and in the tyme of vacation of the sayde bishopricke, the

the deane and the chapter of the cathedral church of Southwich, shal collect & gather together the sayd annual rente or pension of al p'p'riations spiri-
tual within the said diocess, as well in places exempt as not exempt. And
all and singular such summes of money shal by him or them to be collected &
gathered, to pay yerele to the handes of the treasurer of the first fruites &
tenthes before the sayd first day of May and thereof receive to accompt
before the barons of the kynges Exchequer, and to have like allowance &
discharge upon the same accompt by the acquitance of the sayd Treaso-
rer, as other bishops and collectors of the sayd tenthes have had or shall
have: the acts made in the sayd first and twenty yere of our said souerain
lordes reigns to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

An acte concerning the castell of Dover, castell burghes and other
munitions thereabout. Capl. c. lvi.

Vhere the castell of Dover, wherof the kinges maiesty is verie ower-
ner in the right of the imperial crowne of this his realme, is not only
a very honorable strong & defensible fortress, set a standing next un-
to the the sea on y^e east partes & frontours of this his realme, but also is so ne-
cessary a thing for the defence & sauegard of y^e same that it may not in any
wise be lached or forborne, wherfore y^e king our souerain lord hath hitherto
to his great costes & charges repaired & sustained y^e same, & also continually
keepeth & mainteineth therein a great number of al soldiers ther alway ke-
ping watch & ward, furnished sufficiently with harnes artillery & other
munitions of war for sauegard of this realme toward & for the continual su-
stentacion of which said castell & furnitures of the same our said soteraigne
lord & his most noble progenitours kinges of this realme, have had time out
of mind many sundry reuenues, & divers rents commonly called castell war-
des, due and to be paid by reason of the same castell of and for divers other
castells manours lordships lands tenementes & hereditamentes holden of
the kyng and his said progenitours that is to say some of them holden of
the countaile of the same castell & others holden feuerally of the honours
of Creueure, Hagenet Robert and other honours being members of y^e sayd
castell of Dover, which said rents called castell wardes, ben at this presen-
t time much decayed & diminished, by reason & causes underwriten that is to
say because y^e divers of the manour landes & tenementes which were holden of
the sayd castell be come to the possession of our sayd soueraine lord in estates
of inheritance, & others have be geven by his grace or his said progenitours
to divers theyr subiectes to be holden by other services, & divers other be,
& more hereafter shalbe in the possession of the kinges maiesty by reason of
wardship primer feoff purchase exchange or other wise by gift of any estate
of inheritance, wherby some of the said rents called castell wardes by the
lawes of this realme be & shalbe utterly extincted for ever, & many other of
the same rents by long times shalbe suspended and not due to be paid: by
occasion wherof the sayd castell and y^e officers and souldiers therof can not
be nor shalbe sustained, as heretofore honorably haue ben. unless y^e come-
nable

nient remedy therfore be provided. In consideraciō wherof our sayd souerain lord the king is contented and pleased that it be ordeined and enacted by auctorite of this parliament, that wher the tenants and owners of the castelles manors landes and tenementes, to which ben holden of the sayd castell of Douer, and lye in many thynges of this realme, farre distant from the same castell ben bounden by their tenures therof, to pay and yelde at the same castell of Douer the said rentes called castell wardes, at thuretyn and sundry dayes of the year, to their great costes and charges, and upon great penalties a forsaithures, commonly called in the said castell of Douer surlesse: All and singular those tenants, which now holde or hereafter shall holde any landes, tenementes and hereditaments by the said service to pay the sayd rentes called castell wardes, shall yelde and paye the same rentes from and after the feast of saint Michael the archangel next coming to the kinge our soueraine lord, his heires and successors at the kynges court of eschequer perely in the feast of saint Simon and Jude, or within xv. dayes next after that feast, and not at the said castell of Douer nor to the constable or other officer or minister of the same castell.

And be it enacted, that if any tenant maketh default of payment of such rent contrary to the fourme of this acte, then every tenant so making default of payment, shall yelde and pay to our sayd soueraigne lord the kyng his heires and successors, for every such his default, the double of his rent, that is to say, twice his rent then being due to be payde without any other surlesse penalty, or forsaithure for none payment thereof. And that every of the sayd tenants which holde any of their landes, tenementes or hereditaments by the service, to make repaire and build any house or houses within the sayd castell shall do and performe the same according to their said duties and tenures.

And wher alway be it enacted by thaurtey aforesaid, that durynge all such time as any landes tenementes or hereditaments, holden of the said castell of Douer, by rent of castell wards, shall be in the handes or custodys of our said soueraine lord the kyng, or of any of his heires or successors kyngs of this realme, by reason of wardeship primer seison or other tytle that by and for al such time the same landes tenementes & hereditaments and every tenant and owner therof, & the heires and successors and assignes of every of them shall be discharged of the said rent called castell ward against the kyng and his said heires and successors for ever without any payment therof, for any such tyme to be made or yelden at any tyme after the same landes tenementes or hereditaments shall be deustled suid or had out of from the kinges handes or possession.

And because that the more redy & undelayed paymentes hereafter shall be had and made to all officers ministers and souldiers of the said castell of Douer for the time being without any default abatement or restraint of any of their fees stipendes salaries or wages in any wise to be made: be it ordeined and enacted by thaurtey of this present parliament that the constable

constable of the sayd castell of Dover, and every of his successors being constable of the same castell, shal have as annexed united and appropriated to the same office from henceforth for ever, an annual or yearly rent of one hundred and thre score poundes of lawfull money, to be payd yearly to the same constable or his lawfull deputy or assigne in the cite of Canterbury at the hope of the common hall there, called the court hall of the kinges remembrance, of the augmentacions of his crowne, yearly growing and coming toithin the cooke of Kent, by the handes of the kinges general receivour for the time being, of the sayd revenues of that county, in the shires of Sarney, Spitham, churchage, thenativity of our lord god, the annuicacion of our lady saint mary, & the nativity of saint John Baptist, or within this dayes next ensuing every of þ same feastes, by such portions yearly to be paid. And be it further enacted, that if the kinges sayd general receivour for the time being, do not fully pay to the constable or his lawfull deputy or assigne, the sayd annual rent of one hundred and thre score poundes according to the tenour of this acte before written, except thereof to be retayned by the sayde receivour onelye eight pence for the making of his acquitances of every of his payementes, then the same receivour shal forsaye and lose to the sayd constable for the time being, for every such default of payement therof so to be made at any time or place of payment therof before limited five poundes of lawfull money. For which penallie and all arrearses of þ sayd annual rent, the sayd constable shal have his remedy by action of debt seire facias, to be grounded upon this acte or any other lawfull remedy to be pursued against the sayd receivour for the time being in any competent court of the kinges lawes. In which sute none ellowie protection or waigge of lawe shal be to be allowed.

And where our sayd souerayne lord the king by his exceeding great costes and charges hath lately made & builded new unto the seas, divers castles, blockhouses, bulwarkes, and other houses and places of great defence toithin the limites of the four portes, & their members or betwene the same in the shires of Kent and Sussex, for the safeguarde and surety of this his realme and subiectes of the same, our said soueraign lord willing the same newe made castles, blockhouses, bulwarkes and other defendable houses, and places to be well surely and safely kept, and furnished with such and as many officers ministers souldiours, gonners, and other performing, as his maiesty hath ordeyned and established, and hereafter shal ordeyne and establish to be and remaine at & in every or any of them: And that every of the same persons shal dayly and nightlye and from time to time continually do his office and duty in and at the same, without any excozcion oppression, or other injury, offence or misbehaviour by them or any of them to be done or committed by sea or by lande, to or upon anye whatsoever person or persons, to or upon any of theyr shippes bootes, goodes, or catelles, hath ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the wardyn of the sayd four portes, and constable of the said castell of

Douer, which now is and commonly heretofore hath bene one person, & every of his successors, being warden of the sayd portes, and his lieutenant for the time being, or eyther of them, shal have full power and authority by vertue of this acte, to summe, be the, and comptrol, as ofte as by his discretion he shal thinke necessary or expedient, al and singular capitaynes, hepers & other hed officers of every of the sayde newe castelles, Blochehouses, Bulwarthes, and other defensible houses and places, and al souldiers, gonners and ministers and persones of any of them, and all the artilleryes, stores and munitions of war in any of them being, and by his discretion shal examine every of the sayde capitaynes, hepers officers, souldiers, gonners, ministers and persones by theyr othes upon a booke, or otherwise, as wel of such offences, crimes, misdoers, omissions and defaults, as shalbe thought by him necessary to be enserched tried or knowe as also of al exercises, wastes, unbeseingnes, misseingnes and misusinges of the sayd artilleryes, stores, and munitions, and shal commande and enforce them, and every of them by his discretion to make reformation and redresse therein, as by his discretion shalbe considered to stand with reason & equity. And if the importancy or bignety of the cause or matter, shal so require, the sayd constable shal make relation and notification thereof to the kinges maiesty, or to his honorable counceill.

And also be it enacted, that if any of the sayd capitaynes, hepers officers, souldiers, gonners, ministers or other persons of any of the said newe castelles, Blochehouses, bulwarthes, or other defensible houses or places, in any wise respect contemne disobey, or otherwise offend against the sayde warden of the sayd true portes for the time being in anye of the premises: Then it shalbe lawfull to the sayd warden to comit every such offendour to ward into the sayd castell of Douer, or els where in the sayde portes or theyr members, ther to remaine by the discretion of the said warden. And if any such persons so ones punished, shal eftsones offend in any of the premises against the said warden. Then every such offendour shal therfore forsayte and lose at the kinges pleasure his sayd office, roome and service, and shal further be punished at the pleasure of our sayd soverain lord the king.

Provided alway and be it enacted, that the sayd generall recepuour, may kepe and retayne in his handes so much of the kinges revenues, as shal amount for satisfaction of the sayd yerely rent to be payd as is aforesayd: And shal also as wel be discharged and allowed for the payment thereof, as of and for such costes and expences as he shall sustayne by occasion of the same, as by the discretion of the Chauncellour and ministers of the sayd court of Augmentacion shalbe thought reasonable upon the accompt of the sayd generall recepuour.

AN ACTE CONCERNINGE THE
 Kynges moste gracious generall
 and free pardon.



THE kynges moste royal moesty, prudently consideringe, that albeit his highnes of his most excellent pitie, benignite, and mercy manifolde times heretofore mercifully and liberally hath graunted his moste free and generall pardon, to al and singular his subiectes, by the which his maiesty hath remitted and released innumerable and inestimable substaunce and profits, which he mought haue lawfully taken and had by the lawes and customes of this his realme, trusting by his often remission pardon & mercy ministered to his subiectes, to allure offenders from vice to vertue, and that they would put their diligent deuours to amend and reforme theyr abuses: Yet neuerthelesse his lovinge and obedient subiectes, sithens his last moste gracious and liberall pardons, to the graunted, haue incurred unto innumerable penalties, losses, forsaitures, and damages, wherof none or fewe of them are able to make full recompence or condigne satisfaction to his highnes, if his maiesty should procede agaynst them by due course of his lawes, trusting that nowe from henceforth they will stedfastly amend and deuaite the incurring of the forsayd dangers and perilles, seying they haue had so manie admonicions and gentill warninges, and perceiuinge also the great zeale and affection which his lovinge subiectes beare vnto him, and his dignitie for all, as by many voyces in this present parliament they haue declared and shewed.

In consideration wherof, and trustinge as afoze, the kynges highnes to shewe vnto his lovinge subiectes that he both can and will consider whan he is both kindly and lovingly handled of them bypon his mere moeyon, and declare also his tender loue and affection, which he beareth vnto his nobility and subiectes, according to his accustomed goodnesse, is contented and pleased at this time to extend his pitie, mercye, and benignite to al and singular his subiectes of this his realme of England, wales, the Isles of Iernesey and Gernesey, Barwyke, and Calays, and the marches of the same, by way of his free pardon and remission as hereafter followeth, rather coueting theyr amendementes by gentle and merciful meanes than to be enriched by their euil dedes and offences.

And for that his sayd free pardon to be had taken and enioyed to and by them and euery of them, by vertue of this present acte, his grace is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, in maner and fourme following, that is to say, that all and euery of his sayd subiectes, as wel spiritual as temporall, of this his realme of Engeland wales the sayd Isles of Iernesey and Gernesey, Barwyke, and Calays, and the marches of the same, the heyres, successours

executours and administrators of them, and every of them, and all and singular bodies in any manner of wise corporate, cities boroughes, shires, ridinges hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, to wones, villages and tithinges, and every of them, and the successor and successors of every of them, shal be by auctorite of this present parliament, accompt pardoned, released and discharged agaynst the kinges highnes, his heires, successors and executours, and every of them, of al manner trespasses, treasons felonies, robberies offences contempts, trespasses, wronges, detencions and detencions, forsaitures, penalties, and profits, summes of money, pynes of death, pynes corporall and pecuniary, and generallie of all other thinges, causes, quarrells, suites, iudgements, and executions in this present acte hereafter not excepted nor excepted: which maye be or can be by his highnes in any wise or by any meane pardoned before and vnto the first day of July, in the xxii. yere of his most gracious reygne, to every or any of his sayd subiectes bodies corporate, cities boroughes, shires, ridinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, to wones, villages and tithinges or any of them.

¶ Also the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the sayd free pardon shalbe as good and effectual in the lawe, to every of his sayd subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and to every of them, by the sayd generall wordes before rehearsed, in and agaynst al thinges, which be not hereafter in this present act excepted, as the same pardon should have ben if al offences contempts, forsaitures, causes, matters, suites, quarrells, iudgements, executions, penalties, and al other thinges not hereafter excepted, had bene particularly singularly, specially, and plainly, named rehearsed and specified, and also pardoned by propre and expresse wordes & names in theyr kindes, natures and qualities, by wordes and termes therunto requisite to have ben put in and expressed in this present act of free pardon. And that his sayd subiectes nor any of the, nor the heires executours or administrators, of any of the, nor any of the sayd bodies corporate and others before named or any of them, be nor shalbe sewed vexed or inquieted, in their bodies, goodes, landes or cattails, for any manner matter cause contempt, misdeemeanor, forsaiture, trespass, offence, or any thinge suffered done or committed, before the sayd first day of July, agaynst his highnes his crowne dignite, prerogative lawe or statutes, but onely for such matter, causes and offences, as be plainly rehearsed in the exceptions in this present acte hereafter mencioned, and for none other, any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, uses or prescripts heretofore had made or used to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ Also the kinges highnes of his boundtions liberallite by auctorite of this present parliament grauntheth and frely geueth to every of his sayd subiectes, and to every of the sayd bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed and to every of them, al such goodes cattails, debtes fines, issues pro

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fines, amerciaments forsayours, and summes of money by any of them forsayed, whiche to his highnes do or should belong or appertayne, by reason of any offence, contempt trespass, misdemeanour, matter cause or quarrell suffered done or committed by them or any of them before the said first day of July, which be not hereafter plainly forsayed and excepted in this present acte, and all and every the kinges sayd subiectes, and all and singular bodies corporate, or other before rehearsed, may by him or them selfe, or bys or theyr deputy or deputies, or by his or theyr attorney or attorneys, according to the lawes of this realme, please and minister, this present acte of fre pardon for his or theyr discharge, of and for every thing that is by vertu of this present acte pardoned discharged graunt or granted, without any fee or other thing in any wise paying to any person or persons, for writing or entrie of the iudgement, or other cause concerning such plea, writing or entrie, but onely sh. d. to be payed to the officer or clerke, that shall entrie the plea matter or iudgement for the parties discharge in that behalfe, any statute or use to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And furthermore the kynges highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that his sayd free pardon, by the generall wordes before rehearsed, shall be reputed, demed, and adyudged allowed and taken in al maner courtis, of his and elsewhere, as well in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and forsayes specified in this present acte, as in al and singular other clauses, wordes and sentences mentioned and rehearsed in the sayd free pardon, most beneficially and availably to all and singular his sayde subiectes bodies corporate and others before rehearsed, and to every of them, and most strongly in bar and discharge against his highnes his heires successors and executors in every thing, without any obstacle ambiguity challenge or other delay, what so ever it shalbe, to be made pleaded objected or alledged by þ king our soweraine lord, his heires, successors, or executors, or by his or any of theyr general attorney or attorneys, or by any person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heires successors or executors.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our soweraigne lord and by auctorite of this present parliament, that if any officer or clerke of anye of his highnesse courtis, commonly called the kynges bench, Chancery and common place, or of his Exchequer, or any other officer or clerke, of any other of his courtis within this realme, at anye time after the first day of August next comming, whiche shal be in the yere of our Lorde God a Thousand five hundred and forty, make out or write out any maner writtes or other process or any extorted simons or other preceptes, wherby any of the sayd subiectes or any of the said bodies corporate or other before rehearsed, or any of the, shalbe in any wise arrested attached distrained summoned or otherwise lawfully inquieted or grieved in his or theyr bodies landes, tenementes goodes or cattelies, or in any of them, for or because of any maner thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this acte,

of free pardon: he so offending and thereof lawfully condemned, shall paye and pay for recompense thereof to the party so grieved or offended, triple damages, accounted as parcelles of these damages, al costes of the suit and tract thereloffe al and singular such writtes proces, exteates, and preceptes so to be made, for or by any manner thing pardoned or discharged by this present acte of free pardon, shalbe utterly voyde and of none effect.

EXCEPTED alwayes and forgiued out of this general and free pardon, al and all manner of heresies and eccromions, opinions touchynge or concernynge playnly directly and only, the most holie and blessed sacrament of the Altar, and al manner such high treasons done and committed by any person or persons, by any covert dede writing or printinge openly against the kinges most royall person, and all fetters, punishmentes, exteations, forsaithures and penalties, for or by reason or occasion of anye of them, all pretended and voluntary murders, all robberies of churches, all rasing of recordes, and al outlagaries, propugned or had vpon or against any personne or personnes, of and for any of the causes abovesayd, excepted. And also except all titles and actions of *Quare impedit*, all rampshementes and withholdinges of the kinges wardes, wardes landes at any tyme growen to the kinges handes, and not yet discharged, all waistes of the kinges woodes, all concementes of customes and subsidies, al enclosures and decayes of houses of husbandry, made done committed or permitted contrary to the fourme and effects of any statute or statutes heretofore made, and also al issues profits amerciamentes, fines and other penalties whiche now be due or after shall be due growe or be forsaithed for any such enclosure or decayes. And all intrusions had made or done sith the first day of Marche last passed, and all and singular debtes other than debtes vpon recognisances, beyng already forsaithed for surety of peace, good abearng, or for none apparant at any day or place. And excepted and forgiued out of this pardon all accomptes and al actions, suites and impetitions for the same, and all arerages of accomptes and debtes due for the same and al homages and relieves, rentes seruices and arerages of the same, not done or not payed, and all debtes whiche were due to the most noble kyng of famous memorye kyng Henry the the vii. to any person or personnes to his use by any condemnation recognisance, obligation or othertwise, and all and singular these forsaithures being due to our soueraigne lord kyng Henry the. vii. by any penal statute or statutes, whiche be converted into the nature of debt by iudgement by agreement of the offender, and all forsaithures and other penalties and profits growen or due by reason of any offence or act committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, wherof any treason is made, in any informacion is geuen in the kynges Exchequer, or any suite there commenced, or wherof the kynges highnes by his bill signed or othertwise heretofore hath made any writte of assignement to any of his treasurers. And also excepted al issues forsaithed

ted fines amerciamentes assessed taxed set, extorted or iudged severally, or particulary, extending to the summe of .C. s. or above: And that al and singular other fines, as wel fines pro licentia concordandi, as other and all other issues and amerciamentes, as wel real as other, which severally or particulary extend not to the same summe of a hundred shillings, whether they be totted or not totted, take to the charge of the Sheriff or not taken to his charge, extorted or not extorted, whether they be turned into debt or not into debt, and not being leiged nor received by any Sheriff or Sheriffs, Bayliff, ministers or other officers shall be fullye clearly and plainly pardoned and discharged against the king our souerayne lord his heires and successors for ever, by this present acte of fre pardon.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that in case it be objected to or agaynst any Sheriff or Sheriffs, or other accomptantes in the kings court of Eschequer, or in any other his courtes, that any Sheriffs or Sheriffs or other officers accomptant, hath received or take any such fines issues, and amerciamentes by this present act pardoned & acquitted, that than every such Sheriff and Sheriffs, and other accomptantes shalbe discharged released pardoned and acquitted thereof by his or theys othe without any further trial in that behalfe.

¶ Provided alway that this present acte of fre pardon, nor any thyng therein contained, in any wise extend to discharge remit or acquite any person or persons for any such issues fines or amerciamentes of one hundred shillings or vnder, as any Sheriff heretofore hath accompted before the Barons of the kings Eschequer or els where, and payed the same issues fines and amerciamentes, upon his or theys sayd accompt determined to the kings use, and haue his or theys Quittes for the same.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that all and every person and persons, which haue tended or ought to be liuery out of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynges handes of any manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes what so ever they be, shall sue his or these liuery and liueries, out of our sayd soueraygne lord the kynges handes, of his or their manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, any article acte or actes thinge or thinges in this present act of general and fre pardon compyled and specified to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway that this acte of general and fre pardon or any thing therein confeyned, extend not to Thomas Crumwel Esle of Essex, Margaret countesse of Salisbury, Arthur lord Lyle, Hon or Lady Lile his wyfe, Leonard Lord Gray, Walter lord Hungerfode, Wytharde Bpshop of Chichester, Edward Courtenay sonne to the late Marques of Excester, Henry Poole sonne to the lord Montague, Nicolas Wylson pyest William Wyndhear of Wyndford, Giles Heron, Margaret Tyrel wyfe of William Tyrell, Richard Fetherston, Thomas Abel Edward Poewel pyest, Laurence Cooke late pyot of Lancaster William Hyme late
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lay brother of Carthus, Christopher Joy, Clement Philipot, John Wol-
lar Edward Corbet now prisoner, John Biotone his servant, Edmond
Bundholme priest, Thomas Tichet, William Struings, William Hato-
kyng late of Calcey, Robert Barnes y. l. t. Thomas Garrard priest, per-
son of hony lany lane, William Jerome priest Richard Manchester priest
William more harper, Derby Sprynge, Edmund Herton, Charles Ca-
wowe, Anthony Bougegood, Adam Damply, Henry Goderike person
of Rothfield in Kent, not to any person nor persons, to which heretofore have
ben attainted by auctorite of parliament, or by iudgement at the common
lawe of any maner of high treason. And also except and forgyved all and
every such person and persons as have bene heretofore excepted and for-
gyved by name or names in any general pardon, or in any other pards gi-
ven or granted by our sayd soueraigne lord the king. And all such per-
son and persons to which have heretofore fledde for theyr offences of treason
out of this realme of England & other the kinges dominions of the same.
And also excepted out of this fre pard on John Ginden.

Provided alway that all maner of treasons committed or done by any
person or persons in the parties beyond the sea, or in anye other place out
of the kinges dominions, be and shalbe by auctorite aforesayd excepted
and forgyved out of this general and fre pardon. And also except out of the
sayd pardons these heresies & erroneous opinions hereafter ensuing, that
is to say: That infantes ought not to be baptised, and if they be baptised
that they ought to be rebaptised when they come to lawfull age. That it is
not lesul for a chrisen man to beare office or rule in the common wealthe.
That no mans labours ought to be obeyed. That it is not lesul for a chrisen
ma to take an othe before any iudge. That chris toke no bodily substance
of one blessed lady. That sinners after baptisme can not be restored by re-
pentance. That every maner of death with the time and howe therof is
so certaily prescribed appointed and determined to every man of God,
that neyther any prince by his sword can alter it, ne any ma by his owne
willfulness mend or change it. That all thinges be common and nothyng
several. Except also and forgyved out of this generall pardon Gregoye
Buttolphe priest and Richard Farmour of Eton in the county of North
hampton, and Robert Jewet late keeper of Newgate.

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